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MINUTES OF

THE 119TH SESSIONS OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY, HELD AT

HAWFIELDS, OCTOBER 1829. }
Friday 9 o'clock. }

THE Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. William McPheeters, D.D. on Ps. CXLIII, 2. "Enter not into judgment, &c."--after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer—The following members being present, viz:

Rev'ds William Paisly, (2d day;) E. B. Currie; Wm. McPheeters, D.D.; Joseph Labaree; Samuel Paisly; John Witherspoon; Elijah Graves; Sam'l. L. Graham; Eli W. Caruthers, (2d day;) A. D. Montgomery; J. W. Douglass; Daniel A. Penick; Wm. S. Plumer; Thomas P. Hunt; S. H. Smith; Sidney Weller, (received afterwards.)

Elders.—James Mebane; S. K. Sneed, (2d day;) James Clark; Alex'r Wilson, (2d day;) ——Lindsay, (3d day;) Dr Thos. P. Atkinson, M. P. Huntington; P. Moore; Wm. Morrow; (2d day.)

2. The following ministers were absent, Messrs Caldwell, D. D., Pickard, Hatch, Mitchell, Hollister, Weatherby, Neil, Allen, Goodrich, Gay and Harding—The Rev. Wm. S. Plumer was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs Penick and Hunt, temporary Clerks.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were read.

4. *Absentees.*—Dr McPheeters, Mr Graves and Mr Penick, assigned reasons for their absence from the last meeting of Presbytery, which were sustained. Mr Hollister by letter, assigned reasons for his absence from this meeting which were sustained.

5. *New Members.*--The Rev. Sidney Weller presented a certificate of dismission from the associate Reformed Presbytery of New York, and requested to be received as a member of this Presbytery. The Rev. Michael Osborn forwarded, by letter, a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Elizabethtown, accompanied by the same request.—Mr Weller and Mr Osborn were received.

6. *Dismission.*—The Rev. Darius C. Allen, requested, by letter, a dismission from this Presbytery with the view of connecting himself with the Presbytery of Columbus, Ohio. Mr Allen was dismissed.

7. *Committees.*—The following Committees were appointed. (1) On the meeting of benevolent societies, during the present sessions. Messrs Currie, McPheeters and Atkinson. (2) On the contingent fund of Presbytery, the contingent fund of Synod, and the collection for the Stated Clerk of Synod; Mr Huntington. (3) On benevolent institutions, Mr Graham and Mr Hunt. (4) Mr Douglass was appointed temporary Treasurer. (5) On the Minutes of the last General Assembly, Mr Montgomery and Mr Labaree. (6) Messrs McPheeters, Graham, and Witherspoon were appointed to inquire into the constitutionality of the late meeting of this Presbytery at the Union Seminary.

8. *Treasurer.*—Messrs McPheeters, Caldwell, Hunt and Peace, were appointed to settle the accounts of the late Treasurer, Mr Mitchell, in the place of a committee appointed 28th September 1827, p. 44.

Mr Douglass, Treasurer, pro. tom. of the last meeting, reported. The report was received and ordered to be recorded, and is as follows, viz.

J. W. Douglass, Treasurer pro. tem. In account with Orange Presbytery.

Dr.

1829, April, to this sum received for the Southern Professorship, - - - -	$55 00
Cash received for the Commissioners fund, including $10 from Chapel Hill, sent to Mr Graham, Philadelphia. - - - -	120 95
Cash rec'd. for the contingent fund,	8 00
	$183 95

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By cash paid Mr Isaac Snowdon thro' Mr Graham, for the Southern Professorship, per receipt. - - - - - -	$55 00
Cash paid Mr Graham and Mr Plumer commissioners to the General Assembly	120 95
Cash paid for a Bible for Mr Robert D. Russell. - - - - - -	3 00
Balance due the contingent fund.	5 00
	$183 95

Several candidates were examined.

9. *Sabbath.*—Mr Penick was appointed to preach on the law of the Sabbath at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, and Mr Hunt was appointed his alternate. On inquiry it was found that the ministers, generally, had preached as directed at the last meeting, on the subject of the due observance of the Sabbath, and of Sabbath schools. It was in the same connexion earnestly recommended to all the churches under the care of this Presbytery, to form temperance societies within their bounds, as soon as practicable, and to circulate the Journal of Humanity.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Thursday morning 9 o'clock.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. Present as before.

10. *Devotion.*—Agreeably to a standing rule adopted at the last meeting, several hours were spent in devotional exercises, and in conference on the question "what is necessary to a more flourishing state of religion in our congregations?"—See appendix.

The following question was chosen as a subject for consideration at the next stated meeting, viz: "What are the hindrances to the growth of christians generally, and especially of ministers in personal piety?"

11. *Blanks.*—Mr Douglass presented a printed form of dismission for church members, which was committed to Dr McPheeters and Dr Atkinson who, after examining, recommended that the Presbytery purchase the blanks, and that each congregation be requested to take at least 10 copies.

12. *Absentees.*—Mr S. K. Sneed a ruling elder from the church of Oxford, Mr Wm. Morrow a ruling elder from Bethlehem, the Rev. Wm. Paisly and the Rev. E. W. Caruthers, appeared in Presbytery and took their seats. Their reasons for tardiness were sustained.

13. *Call.*—A letter was read from the church of Raleigh, requesting the ministerial services of the Rev. Mr Hunt for one year as a stated supply, the request was granted.

14. *Supplies.*—The committee of supplies, reported as follows; that Mr Currie preach in Randolph the 5th Sabbath, November.

S. Paisly, 2 Sabbaths in Stokes.

W. Paisly, 1 Sabbath in Germantown.

Dr McPheeters 2 Sabbaths in Smithfield, in Feb'y.

Mr Graves, 1 Sabbath at Green Spring.

Mr Pickard, the last Sabbath of Dec. in Surry.

Mr Witherspoon, 1 Sabbath at Harmony.
Mr Graham, 1 Sabbath at Spring Groye and 2 in Mecklinburg, Va.
Mr Hollister, 1 Sabbath in the neighborhood of Bank's Chapel.
Mr Douglass, 2 Sabbaths in Granville.
Mr Weatherby, 2 Sabbaths below Washington.
Mr Neil, 1 Sabbath at Pitch Landing.
Mr Osborn, 1 Sabbath in Trenton.
Mr Weller, in Halifax at discretion.
Mr Montgomery, 3 Sabbaths at Leaksville.
Mr Caruthers, 1 Sabbath at Lexington and administer the sacrament.

Several candidates were examined in part.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer.—Present as before.

15. *Next Meeting.*—The Presbytery resolved that they would hold their next semi-annual meeting in Hillsboro', to commence on Tuesday night the 20th of April 1830, at 7 o'clock.—The Committee appointed to report on the means of rendering the meetings of Presbytery more profitable reported, in part, and was continued.—See appendix.

16. *Absentees.*—Dr McPheeters submitted the following minute which was adopted as a standing rule of the Presbytery. "At each stated meeting the moderator shall call on all ministers present, who are marked as absentees, to state their reasons for any previous failures to attend; he shall then inquire if any member wishes to remark on the reasons offered, and if an expression of disapprobation is called for by any case, such remarks or motion, as that case may seem to require, shall be made. If no motion be made, the question for

sustaining the reasons offered, or not sustaining, shall not be put by the moderator, and the minute on record shall be in the following or like form:"

The Rev. being called on, rendered to Presbytery reasons for not attending the last (or former) Stated Sessions of Presbytery.

17. *Mount Hermon.*—Messrs Witherspoon, S. Paisley, and Clark, Elder, were appointed to visit the church of Mt. Hermon, and, if possible, bring it into a more flourishing condition.

18. *Minutes Gen. Assembly.*—The committee on the minutes of the Gen. Assembly reported that they found nothing requiring special notice. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

19. *The Poor.*—Inquiry was made to ascertain if any of the members of our church are public paupers. There were none.

20. *Funds.*—Mr Huntington reported for the contingent fund, $6 85; for the contingent fund of Synod, $7 50; and for the Stated Clerk of Synod, $7 50. Mr Douglass received for the Southern Professorship, $74—Mr Plumer received for the Education Society, $345 87.

21. *Meeting in Prince Edward.*—The committee appointed to inquire into the constitutionality of a meeting of this Presbytery, held at the Union Seminary, reported that the constitution of the church is silent on the question submitted to them.—The committee therefore cannot say that the meeting referred to, was unconstitutional, but they are of opinion, that the appointment was of doubtful propriety, and recommend that none of a like kind be made until the opinion of the Synod or of the General Assembly shall be had on the subject.

22. *Book Company.*—The agent of the N. C. Book Company, reported that in the two years which have elapsed, since its organization, it has

received and paid out, principally for books, about $1600.—The report was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

23. *State of Religion.*—Messrs McPheeters, W. Paisly and Weatherby, were appointed a committee to give an account to Synod, of the state of religion in this Presbytery.

24. *Bible Cause.*—The committee on benevolent institutions reported, and the report being amended, was adopted and is as follows:—"The Presbytery have heard, with great pleasure, of the resolution by the American Bible Society, to supply every destitute family in the United States with a copy of the scriptures within two years, and earnestly recommend, to all their members, an active and immediate co-operation with other friends of the Bible in this work.—They further recommend that every minister preach a sermon forthwith on the duty of christians in relation to this subject; that the 18th of November next be set apart as a day of special prayer to God for his blessing on the bible cause; and that delegates from the different churches be sent to the bible convention to be held at Raleigh on that day."

25. *Candidates.*—(1) Mr George Ferrill read a lecture on the 24th Psalm; an Exegesis on the theme "an in Eucharistia detur totalis conversio substantiæ panis et vini, in corpus et sanguinem christi?" A critical exercise on Joshua x, 12—14; and a popular sermon on 1 Tim. i, 15. Mr Ferrill was also examined on natural and revealed Theology, on Ecclesiastical History and church government; all which were sustained as parts of trial.

(2) *Mr Alexander Wilson* read a critical exercise on Gal. iv, 22, 23; a lecture on the 24th Psalm, and a popular sermon on James ii, 17; he was also examined on Natural Philosophy, Ecclesiastical

History, and on Natural and revealed Theology, all which were sustained as parts of trial; and in the evening of the 8th inst. after sermon, Mr Ferrell and Mr Wilson were licensed, according to the prescribed form, to preach the gospel.

(3) *Mr Philip Pearson* was examined on natural and moral philosophy, and read an Exegesis on the theme "An detur homini liberum arbitrium?" which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr P. was then directed to prepare a critical exercise on Matthew ii, 17, 18; a lecture on Luke x, 20--37; and a popular sermon on Rom. viii, 1.

(4) *Mr Robert N. Patterson* read an Exegesis on the theme "Quomodo peccatum originale transmittitur in posteros?" which was sustained as a part of trials. Mr P. was directed to prepare a lecture on Matthew xiii, 1–9; and a popular sermon on Hebrews xii, 1.

(5) *Mr Daniel Lindly* was directed to prepare a lecture on Eph. ii, 1–8; and a popular sermon on 1 John iii, 7, last clause.

(6) *Mr Alexander A. Mebane* was directed to prepare a lecture on Prov. i, 24–30; and a popular sermon on Rom. viii, 7.

(7) *Mr Joseph J. Gray* was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry.—After examination as to his experimental acquaintance with religion and his views in seeking the ministry, Mr Gray was received as a candidate. Mr G. was also examined on English Grammar, Ancient and Modern Geography, Mathematics, Astronomy, Natural Philosophy and the Latin and Greek Languages, all which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr G. was directed to prepare an Exegesis on the question "an sit filius æqualis deo patri?"

(8) *Mr William Paisly Forrest* was introduced

as a candidate for the ministry. The Presbytery being satisfied as to his church membership, personal piety and motives in desiring the ministry received Mr Forrest as a candidate—Mr F. was examined in English Grammar and the examination sustained.

A letter was received from the Rev. Mr Pickard assigning reasons for his absence from the present meeting which were sustained.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Saturday morning 9 o'clock.
Oct. 10th 1829.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer. Present as before.

26. *Usury.*—The following resolutions on the subject of usury were offered and adopted; Whereas circumstances seem to render it necessary that this Presbytery should repeat, to the congregations under their care, the warning, given on a former occasion, against the practice of extortion and usury, in their various forms, and especially against that form of usury commonly denominated *shaving*;—Therefore, resolved, that in the opinion of this Presbytery, this practice is too plain and gross a violation of the letter and whole spirit of christianity, to be tolerated in our churches.—Resolved, that it be and it hereby is, recommended to all our ministers to preach to their congregations on the subject.—Resolved, that a member of this Presbytery be appointed to preach on this subject at their next stated meeting. In accordance with the last resolution, the Rev. Mr Douglass was appointed to preach on the subject of usury at the next meeting of the Presbytery, and the Rev. Dr Caldwell was appointed his alternate.

27. *Southern Professorship.*—The subject of the Southern Professorship was called up. In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr Douglass submitted the following statement, as probably correct.

Due Nov. 8, 1828, - - - -		$509 63¾
Cash from Dr Rice, - -	$10	
May.—Cash paid J. Snowdon, Esq. by J. W. Douglass Treasurer, pro tem.	$55———	65 00
Now due, - - - -		$444 64¾

The following sums were received on this account.

Red House, by Mr Walton. - -	$5 00
J. Witherspoon, J. Labaree, and S. L. Graham, $1 each, - - - - -	3 00
Wm. S. Plumer, - - - -	10 00
Thomas P. Hunt, - - - -	10 00
S. H. Smith, - - - -	11 00
Daniel A. Penick, - - - -	5 00
Milton Church, - - - -	20 00
Danville, - - - - -	5 00
Bethlehem, - - - - -	5 00
	$74 00

And the following pledges were made:

Oxford, by S. K. Sneed, - -	$5 00
New Hope, E. Graves, - -	5 00
Cross Roads, J. Mebane, - -	10 00
Stony Creek, Mr Moore, - -	5 00
Eno. S. Paisly, - - -	5 00
Harmony, Dr Atkinson, - -	5 00
Messrs Weller and Gray, - -	20 00
	$55 00

28. *Delegates to General Assembly.*—The delegates to the last General Assembly, Messrs Graham and

Plumer, reported that they attended the meeting of that body, Mr Graham all the time, and Mr Plumer all but two days. The meeting was interesting. For the details of business the Presbytery are referred to the minutes. That they obtained an appropriation from Dr Boudinot's legacy, to the library of Spring Grove, amounting to $47 and rendered such other services to the churches of the Presbytery as were in their power;—the report was accepted.

29. *Church Buildings.*—Mr Douglass the committee on church buildings, made a report which was accepted, and is as follows, viz:—There are under care of the Presbytery of Orange, 34 organized churches, containing 1500 members.—These churches own 34 houses for public worship, located in eleven counties, as follows:

In Orange 10. Hillsborough, Hawfields, Stony Creek, Eno, Little River, Bethlehem, New Hope, Green Spring, Mount Hermon, Stony Creek.

Caswell 6. Red house, Bethany, Gilead, Greears, Milton, Bethesda.

Granville 5. Grassy Creek, Shiloh, Nutbush, Oxford, Spring Grove.

Guilford 3. Bethel, Buffalo, Allemance.

Rockingham 2. Haw River, Speedwell.

Halifax, Va. 2. Harmony, Carmel.

Pittsylvania 1. Danville.

Craven 1. Newbern.

Beaufort 1. Washington.

Wake 1. Raleigh.

Warren 1. Warrenton.

Of these houses, 5 are brick, 23 frame, 5 log. Four churches, Chapel Hill, Greensboro', Murfreesboro', and Lexington have no church building, and two churches, Bethany and Grassy Creek, have two buildings each. Speedwell is a house without a church.

The largest houses are those of Raleigh, Hawfields and Buffaloe, which are each 60 by 40 feet. The smallest are those of Haw River, Green Spring, and Mt. Hermon, which are 26 and 27 by 20 to 25 feet. The whole will seat about 14,000 whites and 2,000 blacks.

The most expensive were Raleigh, $16,000. Newbern, $7,000. Washington, $5,000. Buffaloe, $3,000. —The cost of the whole 33 was about $50,000, averaging for each one $1515.

Of the 33 houses, 14 have been erected, and of the 34 churches, 11 have been organized, since the year 1820.

The 34 churches are supplied with preaching as follows: 6 every Sabbath in the month; 2 three Sabbaths; 16 two Sabbath; 5 one Sabbath; and 5 are not supplied. From this it will follow that, on any given Sabbath, there are about 15 houses open, which would contain, if full, about 7000 whites, and 1000 blacks; but which would actually contain about 4,500 whites and 500 blacks. Therefore the average weekly attendance on public worship, in all the churches of Orange Presbytery, is about 5000, whilst the entire population of 39 counties in N. C. and a section of Va. which the Presbytery embraces is about 400,000.

In that county which is best supplied with presbyterian preaching, having 7 ministers and 10 churches,there are,it is stated,500 families without the Bible. To supply it fully with the preaching of the Gospel there should, probably, be as many Episcopal, Baptist, and Methodist ministers and churches as there are Presbyterian. So probably, it might be said of counties which other denominations have most favored; as many ministers and churches of each of the delinquent denominations are needed, in order to a full supply of the given county, as that county

contains of the denomination which is most numerous. For the Presbytery of Orange, then, to give that measure of attention to every county within their bounds, which they have given to the county of Orange, it would be necessary that they should immediately erect 356 churches, and settle 246 ministers.

The report is submitted with the following inferences, which are thought to be natural and just.

1. The presbytery of Orange, now 59 years old, should have had more churches at this day than 34, and more members than 1500.

2. Its ministers have not time for secular employments.

3. There is room in this Presbytery for every student which Princeton can probably furnish in the next 6 years.

4. A young man of qualifications proper for the ministry, is more needed, and can probably do more good in that than in any other profession.

30. *Sabbath.*—Mr Hunt preached on the law of the Sabbath, according to an appointment of the Presbytery at the last meeting.

The Presbytery was then adjourned to meet in Fayetteville, at the call of the Moderator, during the sessions of Synod. Concluded with prayer, the christian doxology, and the apostolic benediction.

J. W. DOUGLASS, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX

TO THE MINUTES OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

October, 1829.

I. On the question, "What is necessary in order to a more flourishing state of religion in our churches?" it was remarked, in substance, as follows. The question supposes 1, That religion in our churches is *not* flourishing. In a few it is; in most it is not. 2, That they *ought* to be in a better state. The dearest interests of multitudes are involved in the question. 3, That they *can* be revived. The means are ready. But effects cannot follow, until the necessary causes have operated.

As to the means then, 1, There must be more piety in the ministry. Piety more deep, more uniform, more active. Piety of the right kind will not fail to discover and to employ the means by which the cause of truth and righteousness may be advanced. Mr A.

2. Some ministers greatly hinder their usefulness by their levity. "Foolish talking and jesting are not convenient," for a minister. B.

3. Private christians are not sufficiently employed. Paul set the whole church to work. Even the women "labored with him in the Gospel." And all were to be "helping together by *prayer*." C.

4. The minister often keeps back part of his message. The *whole* truth rightly preached would have its effect. D.

5. Want of attention on the part of parents to their children is a principal reason why religion languishes. Baptismal engagements are forgotten. Parents do not pray *in private with* as well as for their children. Some never talk to their children privately and closely, and with the direct view of producing a conviction of their sinfulness and danger, and need of a Saviour. E.

6. There is too little time spent by ministers in secret devotion—A man fearing spirit prevents the usefulness of some. Self seeking is also a besetting sin of many. F.

7. The zeal of ministers is not uniform. The subjects which, in the pulpit, interest them deeply, seem often to have lost their interest and importance to the same minds when out of it. G.

8. The cause of religion is greatly hindered by want of unity of sentiment and consequently of action in regard to benevolent institutions. Christians are "not perfectly joined together in the same mind, and in the same judgment." On this account associations in behalf of temperance, &c. &c. accomplish, in some churches, almost nothing. The object is good; its *friends* wish it well, but will not take hold. H.

9. The people's remarks about the qualifications of a minister often prevent them from being profited by his ministry. They should, for their own sake, as well as for his works sake, esteem him highly in love, recollecting that he is the minister of Christ to them for good.

10. Ministers often fail to make the most of an opportunity by thinking that they will have another. To speak and preach, on every occasion, "as if they ne'er should preach again," is not common. I.

11. Let every one on returning home begin to "go about doing good," as his master did, having it as his meat and drink to do the will of God, and the interests of religion, in his church, will rise.—It would often be of great service to inquire "what will *not* promote a revival?" J.

12. Ministers forget that they cannot be neutral in a community. Their influence is operating powerfully *for* religion or *against* it. Physicians say that every part of the human frame which is not performing its proper part, is doing harm. So every

minister, and perhaps every private christian too, who is not fully, in the right way, and with the right motive, performing his proper part in the church, is doing it harm. K.

13. An aged elder concluded the conference by remarking "There is great room for amendment. We might *all* do better than we do."—All, it is believed, left the room seriously intending to *try*.

II. On the question, "How can the meetings of Presbytery be rendered more profitable?" it was remarked;

1. Let every member allow himself time for a punctual attendance on its sessions from beginning to end.

2. Let him have no business at the meeting which will interfere with his official duties.

3. Let every member keep a docket, and prepare for business before he comes.

4. Let all the money concerns, and unedifying details of business be transacted, as much as possible, in private, by committees.

5. Let there be more prayer before we start for the meeting, on the way, here, and while returning.

6. Let the ministers be more faithful to each other. The *sins of ministers* should be rebuked.

7. Let the conversation be less of a social and more of a religious character.

8. Let there be unity and natural order in the arrangement of the subjects preached on.

9. Let every member have as many private, plain, and faithful conversations, on the subject of religion, with the members of the family in which he resides, and with others as possible.

10. The experience of this Presbytery shows that to spend one or two hours every day of the session in conference on some question connected with practical divinity, and intermixed with several short prayers and hymns, would be of great importance.

FAYETTEVILLE, Nov. 14th, 1829.

The Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer, by Dr McPheeters. Present, Messrs McPheeters, D.D., S. Paisley, Hatch, Graham, Caruthers, Osborn, Hunt, Gay, Smith, Harding. In all 10.

Mr Labaree requested, by letter, to be dismissed from the pastoral charge of Oxford Church; and also from this Presbytery, with a view of putting himself under the care of the Presbytery of Columbus, Ohio.—The congregation was summoned to appear in Presbytery, at Raleigh, 19th Nov. instant, and show cause, &c.

Mr Osborn having been invited by the Church of Newbern to become their pastor, declared his acceptance of their call, and it was resolved that his installation take place on the 12th of December next. That Mr Hunt preach the sermon; Mr Hatch give the charge to the pastor; and Mr Weatherby the charge to the people.

Adjourned to meet in Raleigh on the 19th inst.

Concluded with prayer.

WILLIAM MCPHEETERS, *Moderator, pro. tem.*

THOMAS P. HUNT, *Clerk, pro. tem.*

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RALEIGH, Nov. 19th, 1828.

The Presbytery met, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator. Present—The Reverends William McPheeters, D.D., Joseph Caldwell, D.D., Samuel Paisley, John Witherspoon, Samuel L. Graham. In all 5.

Mr Littlejohn and Mr Johnson appeared, on behalf of the Church of Oxford, and assented that the pastoral relation between them, and the Rev. J. Labaree should be dissolved. It was dissolved accordingly, the Church declared vacant, and Mr Labaree dismissed to the Presbytery of Columbus, Ohio.

Adjourned to meet in Hillsborough, on the 20th of April, 1830. Concluded with prayer.

WM. MCPHEETERS, *Moderator, pro. tem.*

T. P. HUNT, *Clerk, pro. tem.*

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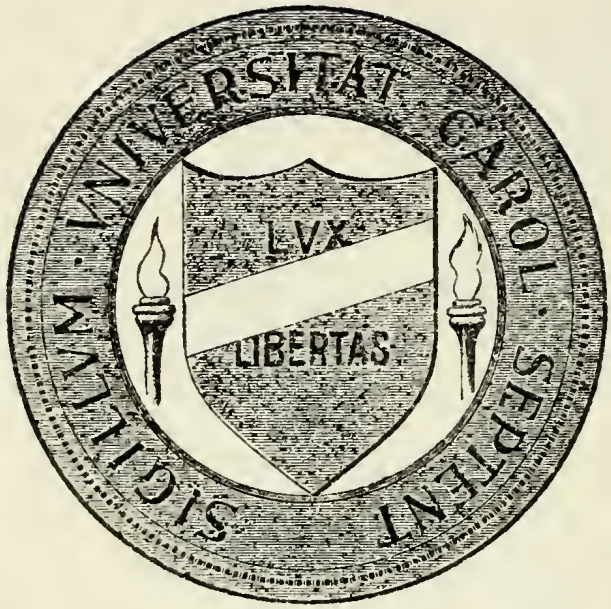

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MINUTES

Of the 120th Sessions of Orange Presbytery, which commenced at Hillsborough, on Tuesday, 20th April, 1830, *at seven o'clock, P. M.*, and ended on Saturday evening the 24th.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment, and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich, from John xvi, 8—11; after which the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Dr McPheeters. Present—*Ministers*, the Rev. Messrs Wm. Paisley, Ezekiel B. Currie, Wm. McPheeters, D.D. Jos. Caldwell, D.D. Samuel Paisley, J. Witherspoon, J. H. Pickard, (on the 21st,) E. Graves, E. Hollister, L. D. Hatch, (on the 22d,) E. Mitchell (on the 24th,) E. W. Caruthers (on the 23d,) A. D. Montgomery, M. Osborn, J. Weatherby, D. A. Penick, T. P. Hunt, W. Neil, H. P. Goodrich, A. W. Gay, S. H. Smith, and N. H. Harding.

Elders—Messrs James D. Johnson, Samuel Tate, William Tate, William Huntington, James Hart, Robert Donnell, M. P. Huntington, James W. Paxton, Hugh McAdin, John Neilly, Dr Elias Hawes, J. McCain, and A. Wilson (on the 22d.) In all, 22 Ministers and 13 Ruling Elders.

Absent—S. L. Graham, J. W. Douglas, and W. S. Plumer.

The Rev. Daniel Gould, and the Rev. Jesse Rankin, of the Presbytery of Concord, and the Rev. Asahel Nettleton, of the Association of Litchfield North, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Dr Caldwell was chosen Moderator, and Messrs Osborn and Gay, Clerks.

The minutes of the last stated session, and of the adjourned meetings at Fayetteville and Raleigh, were read.

A letter, received from the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, was read, and committed to Messrs Hunt and Johnson, with instructions to report as soon as convenient.

Dr Caldwell, at his request, was excused from the performance of the duty assigned him, as alternate of Mr Douglas, at the last stated sessions of Presbytery.

1. Bible Cause.

Mr Gould, as agent of the American Bible Society, addressed the Presbytery on the subject of supplying all the families of these United States with the Holy Scriptures.

2. Supplies.—Mount Hermon.

Inquiry was made whether the ministers, appointed at the last stated sessions of Presbytery to supply destitute places within our bounds, had performed that duty.

Mr Harding was appointed a member of the standing committee of supplies, in place of Mr Labaree, removed out of our bounds.

The committee of supplies made their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz: that Mr Currie, and Mr Witherspoon, spend each one Sabbath at Mount Hermon; Mr S. Paisley, and Mr Pickard, two weeks in Rockingham, Stokes, and Surry: Mr W. Paisley, and Mr Caruthers each

one Sabbath, in Lexington; Mr Montgomery, two Sabbaths in Leeksville; Mr Hunt, two Sabbaths in Lewisburg; Mr Mitchell, two Sabbaths at New Hope; Mr Graham, one Sabbath in Mecklenburg; Mr Weatherby, one week at Lake Phelps; Mr Harding, and Mr Hollister each one Sabbath at Spring Grove; Mr Hatch, one Sabbath at Kinston; Mr Plumer, one week on Dan River, above Danville; Mr Douglas, one Sabbath at Warrenton; Mr Graves, one Sabbath at Green Spring; others at discretion.

The Committee apointed to visit *Mount Hermon* Church, and to inquire into its present state, reported that they had performed that duty, and recommend that said Church, be advised to merge itself in the Presbyterian Churches around it. The report was adopted, and the Church is hereby advised accordingly.

3. Devotion.

Agreeably to a standing rule, the Presbytery spent some time in devotional exercises, and in conference on the question, "What are the hindrances to the growth of christians generally, and of ministers especially, in personal piety?"

The questions for conference, at the next stated sessions of Presbytery, are the following, to wit:

1. What are the best means of exciting a revival of religion in our Churches?

2. What are the hindrances to a *continued* revival?

3. In what light ought we to regard the practice of shouting aloud in public meetings; of prayers and exhortations by different persons at the same time; and other similar practices which have occasionally prevailed within our bounds?

4. Church Records and Reports.

The following *Church Sessions* presented their annual reports, to wit: Bethel, Greensborough, Chapel Hill, Eno, Little River, Greears, Bethesda, Haw River, Bethlehem, New Hope, Allemance, Milton, Raleigh, Murfreesborough, Warrenton, Spring Grove, Danville, Oxford, Newbern, and Washington.

The committees appointed to examine the *records of Church Sessions*, reported that they had examined the records of the sessions of the following Churches, and finding them to be correctly kept, recommend that they be approved, viz: Oxford, Newbern, Bethlehem, New Hope, Warrenton, Spring Grove, Hillsborough, Little River, Cross Roads, Washington, Raleigh, Allemance, and Hawfields. *Resolved*, That the above reports be accepted and adopted.

5. Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer, pro. tem. was received, by Mail, accepted, and ordered to be recorded, viz.

James W. Douglas, *Treasurer, pro. tem.*

In account with Orange Presbytery.

1829. Dr.

Oct. To balance due contingent fund, per last report,		$5 00
" cash, contingent fund,		7 10
" do. for blank certificates,		1 65
" do. Southern Professorship,		74 00
" do. for Synod,		9 00
Balance due J. W. D.		16 12½
		$112 87½

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By cash paid for blank certificates, - -	$3	50
" do. J. Snowden, for Southern Professorship, - - - - -	74	00
" do. sent to Synod, - - - -	9	00
" do. printing Minutes, - - -	6	00
" do. postage, - - - - -	0	37½
" do. Stated Clerk salary, two years, 1828, 1829, - - - - -	20	00
	$112	87½

The committee appointed to audit the account of the late Treasurer of the Presbytery, Mr Mitchel, presented their report, which was accepted and is as follows, to wit:

"The committee to whom was referred the account of the late Treasurer, E. Mitchel, report that they have examined said account, and from the vouchers produced, believe it to be correct. That there was in his hands the sum of two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and thirty-nine and a half cents, which he has paid to Dr Wm. McPheeters, who has paid the same to the Treasurer of the General Assembly." (Signed)

WILLIAM MCPHEETERS,
THOMAS P. HUNT,
JOSEPH CALDWELL,
} *Committee.*

Dr McPheeters, and Messrs Hunt, Douglas, and Peace, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, Mr Hatch, and to report at the next stated sessions of Presbytery.

6. SEMINARY.

Mr Goodrich, as agent of the Union Theological Seminary, reported that during a few weeks past,

he had obtained, within the bounds of this Presbytery, subscriptions amounting to $840 40; of which he had received $204 90.

Of the pledges formerly made for the Southern Professorship, the two following, only, were paid, viz: Oxford $5, Stony Creek $6 67. Received for the contingent fund $6 30.

7. Commissioners.

Messrs Samuel Paisley, Elisha Mitchell, and Michael Osborn, Ministers, and Messrs E. Hawes, A. Bardwell, and J. D. Johnson, ruling elders, were appointed commissioners, on behalf of this Presbytery, to the next General Assembly.

8. Call, Installation, and Ordination.

The committee appointed to instal the Rev. Michael Osborn, pastor of the Church of Newbern, reported that they had performed that duty.

A call from the church of Oxford to the Rev. N. H. Harding, inviting him to become their pastor, was laid before the Presbytery; and, being found in order, was put into the hands of Mr Harding.—From this decision of the Presbytery, Dr McPheeters and Mr Osborn dissented, on the ground that the call was not attested in due form, as prescribed in the book of Discipline, chap. 15, section 6.

Mr Harding having signified his willingness to accept the call, it was resolved that he be installed on Saturday the 10th of July; that Dr Caldwell preach the sermon, Mr Witherspoon give the charge to the people, and Mr Currie the charge to the minister.

Mr Alexander Wilson, a licentiate of this Presbytery, requested to be ordained as an Evangelist; whereupon the Presbytery *resolved*, that measures

be immediately taken for his ordination, and directed him to prepare a discourse on Romans x, 1, as a part of trials for ordination. It was also *resolved*, that his ordination take place on Friday the 9th of July next, at Oxford, and that Dr Caldwell preside, Mr Penick preach, and Mr Montgomery give the charge.

9. State of Religion.

Agreeably to a standing rule, the Presbytery had a free conversation on the state of religion within its bounds:—from the report prepared for the General Assembly, the following is an extract.

The Congregations of Allemance, Bethel, Washington, Newbern, Bethesda, Grecars, Buffalo, and New Hope have enjoyed more or less the influence of the Holy Spirit, in his converting power, during the last year. The whole number of additions to our communion is 253, which, though small, is greater than in any one of a number of years previous.

Bible classes, Sabbath schools, Tract Societies are generally supported. Most of our congregations have united in the effort to supply the state with the Holy Scriptures before May 1831. The monthly concert is observed by many. The Colonization Society is regarded with deep interest by some. Two congregations have Sunday schools for infants. The education of young men for the ministry is a subject of increased as well as general interest.—The abandonment of 4 distilleries in one congregation; the reformation of 20 common drunkards in one county; the diminished use of ardent spirits at elections, and elsewhere, shows an advance on the score of temperance.

Yet still there is an amount of unbelief and unfaithfulness in the Church, and of ignorance and vice on every side of it, which call for deep and general humiliation and prayer.

Extract from the *statistical* report made to the General Assembly.

Orange Presbytery contains 26 Ministers, 34 Congregations, 4 Licentiates, 6 Candidates.

Members added last year 253. Total members 1,618; Baptisms 174; Collections, for Missions $383 58; for Commissioners $87 33; for Theological Seminary $791 42; for Education $408. Total $1670 33.

10. Printing, Blanks, &c.

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr Douglas be requested to purchase a blank book for Presbyterial records, and to procure the printing of the minutes of the present sessions of Presbytery; and be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Presbytery for the necessary funds. *Resolved* further, that Mr Douglas be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Presbytery for the sum of sixteen dollars, to defray the expense of printing the minutes of the last stated sessions, and to pay the salary of the stated clerk.

Messrs Witherspoon and W. Huntington, were appointed a committee to superintend the printing of blank forms of Sessional Reports.

11. Candidates.

Mr A. A. Mebane, read a critical exercise on Matthew xi, 16–19; and presented a Latin exegesis on the theme assigned him; and Mr W. P. Forrest was examined on Arithmetic, Geography and Latin; all which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr Forrest was directed to prepare a Latin exegesis on

the question, "*Miracula sunt idonea argumenta divinae missionis?*" and to prepare for examination on the Greek language.

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr Hunt be requested to purchase six pocket bibles, to be presented to our licentiates; and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Presbytery, for the necessary funds.

The following resolution was offered by Mr Harding, and adopted, to wit:—*Resolved*, That the examination of candidates be conducted by four committees, to hold their office for two years; the first two committees to examine on science and literature, and the 3d and 4th, to examine on theology, church history, &c.

A committee appointed to divide the Presbytery into *four* committees—in conformity with the above resolution, having presented their report, it was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

"The first committee shall examine on the English, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew Languages, and on Rhetoric, Logic, Moral Philosophy, and Modern Geography;—and shall consist of Messrs Graham, Montgomery, Pickard, Hollister, Neil and Goodrich.

"The second committee shall examine on Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and Astronomy;—and shall consist of Messrs Witherspoon, Smith, Caldwell, D.D. Weller, Gay, Osborn, and Mitchel.

"The third committee shall examine on Jewish Antiquities, Ancient Geography, Chronology, Church History and Church Government;—and shall consist of Messrs S. Paisley, Graves, Hatch, Caruthers, Hunt, Plumer and Harding.

"The fourth committee shall examine on Didactic, Polemic and Pastoral Theology;—and shall consist of Messrs W. Paisley, Currie, McPheeters, D.D. Douglas, Penick and Weatherby."

12. Education.

A communication was received from the Education Society, embracing the following resolutions, viz:

1. "*Resolved*, That all the funds and papers of the Education Society, be forthwith handed over to the Presbytery of Orange."

2. "*Resolved*, That the Presbytery of Orange be requested to accept the same; and that the Presbytery as such, or by committees appointed for that purpose, in future, conduct and manage the whole business of Education, which has been heretofore managed by the Society."

3. "*Resolved*, That the Education Society be forthwith dissolved, and it is hereby dissolved accordingly."

After due consideration, it was resolved that the Presbytery acceed to the wishes of the Education Society, as expressed in the second of the above resolutions.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to attend to the general business of the education of pious young men for the gospel ministry, during the recess of Presbytery, and to correspond with the late General Agent of the Education Society respecting the pledges already made to beneficiaries, and now existing, which must be redeemed before the next stated sessions of Presbytery, and that the committee be empowered to redeem them by draughts upon the education fund.

Resolved further, that this committee be, and they hereby are instructed to make themselves fully acquainted with the circumstances of our candidates, and to make the best arrangements for their continued education, and that they report their pro-

ceedings at the next stated sessions of Presbytery. Messrs Graham, Hollister, and Harding, Ministers, and Mr James D. Johnson, ruling elder, were appointed on this committee.

On motion, *resolved*, that it be considered the duty of ministers and Church sessions within our bounds, to make immediate and strenuous efforts to raise funds for the support of the beneficiaries under our care.

13. Next Meeting.

On motion, *resolved*, that the next stated sessions of the Presbytery be held at Greensborough, on Friday the first day of October, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

The Presbytery having completed its business, the minutes of the present sessions were read, the roll was called, and it was *Resolved*, That this Presbytery stand adjourned to meet at Oxford on Friday the 9th of July next at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Joseph Caldwell, *Moderator.*

Michael Osborn, *Temporary Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

DOCKET OF BUSINESS, IN ITS ORDER.

1. The Presbytery constituted with prayer, by the moderator, or the senior minister.

2. The Roll called, by the Stated Clerk, and names recorded.

3. Absentees recorded. Letters of apology from the absent read. Absentees from former meetings, state their reasons.

4. Moderator, and two temporary clerks, chosen, viva voce.

5. New members, and corresponding members introduced.

6. New churches received.

7. Minutes of the last stated meeting, and of meetings intermediate, read.

8. Committees appointed.

(1.) Of arrangements, of which the pastor of the place should be chairman, to regulate public preaching, the meeting of benevolent societies, &c.

(2.) On benevolent institutions, to report any which ought to be particularly noticed by the Presbytery.

(3.) On the minutes of the last General Assembly. *Fall.* On Session Books. *Spring.*

(4.) On the different funds, to receive and report. Contingent fund 25 cents semi-annually. Commissioners fund, *spring.* For Synod, *fall.* Education collections, *fall.* Seminaries.

(5.) Other committees.

9. Part of the forenoon, on the second day of each stated meeting, is spent in conference, and devotional exercises. Question for the next conference.

10. Free conversation on the state of religion.

11. SUPPLIES appointed at last meeting report.—New appointments.

12. Committee on the history of Orange Presbytery report.

13. Treasurer's report, at every meeting, audited by the stated and temporary clerks.

14. Commissioners to General Assembly appointed. SPRING. Their report to Presbytery, *in writing*. FALL.

15. Sessional reports, to be handed, at the opening of the session, to the Stated Clerk. SPRING.

16. Calls.

17. Dismissions.

18. Candidates.

19. Committee of Education report, *semi-annually*.

20. Next meeting,

21. Committee on church buildings report.

22. Narrative of the state of religion to the General Assembly. SPRING.

23. Statistical report to the General Assembly, or to Synod.

24. The session is closed with prayer, the christian doxology, and the apostolic benediction, by the moderator, or senior minister.

STANDING RULES, respecting

1. The colonization cause, ministers to preach, and receive contributions about 4th July.

2. The poor of the church not to be thrown on public charity.—MS. minutes, vol. 2. p. 38.

3. Committee to examine candidates, at the stated meetings, on experimental religion.—Ibid 70.

4. Rules appended to the book of Discipline, entitled "General rules for Judicatories," govern this Presbytery.—Ibid 91.

5. Church members absent more than two years, to be reported as REMOVED.—Ib. 126.

6. Duty of commissioners to General Assembly.

(1.) To attend diligently during the whole session. One dollar per day forfeited, if absent, unless Presbytery excuse the absence.

(2.) To have the brethren and churches, which send them, furnished with minutes, reports, libraries, tracts, &c. and in all practicable ways to represent and promote their religious interest.

(3.) To report in writing.—Ib. 138.

7. Devotional exercises on the second forenoon of each stated meeting.—Ib. 141.

8. Ministers give their reasons for absence from meetings of Presbytery, but no vote taken on them, unless specially called for.—Ib. 157, Printed min. 7.

9. Candidates to be examined by committees.—Ib. 183. Printed min. 29.

OPINION OF PRESBYTERY.

1. On the question of striking out the last clause of the 24th chapter and 4th section of the confession of Faith, respecting the marriage of near relations.—MS. minutes vol. 2. p. 14. Negatived.

2. On requiring candidates to study divinity only *two* instead of *three* years. Vote for *three*.—Ib. 14.

3. On the circulation of religious books.—Ib. 19.

4. On the colonization cause.—Ib. 22.

5. On a concert of prayer for the churches, on Saturday evenings.—Ib. 28.

6. On conference meetings in each congregation.—Ib. 29.

7. On the observance of the Sabbath.—Ib. 42.

8. On the resolution to supply every family with a Bible.—Ib. 47, 160.

9. On the Evangelical and Literary Magazine.—Ib. 49, 90.

10. On the necessity of holiness in ministers.—Ib. 70.

11. On Slavery.—Ib. 74.

12. On Usury.—Ib. 78, 164.

13. On the death of Rev. E. Logan.—Ib. 94.

14. On private fasts.—Ib. 99.

15. On meetings of Presbytery held without its own bounds.—Ib. 159.

OXFORD, July 9, 1830.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by Dr. Caldwell, the Moderator. Present, Rev. Jos. Caldwell, D.D., E. Hollister, D. A. Penick, S. L. Graham, Thomas P. Hunt, with J. D. Johnson, Ruling Elder. Mr Harding was appointed Clerk.

July 10—9 o'clock A. M.

Presbytery met—present as before. Opened with prayer. Mr. Wilson was examined on the sacraments, constitution, the rules and principles of the government of the Presbyterian church, and other branches of learning. This examination was sustained. Mr. Wilson delivered a discourse on the subject assigned him, which was sustained as part of trial.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. D. A. Penick. After Mr. Wilson had answered the questions propounded to candidates for ordination, the Presbytery proceeded to set him apart to the whole work of the gospel ministry, by prayer and the laying on of hands. Mr. Graham then delivered the charge to the newly ordained evangelist. According to appointment, the Presbytery also proceeded to instal N. H. Harding, as Pastor of the church in Oxford. Dr. Caldwell presided and preached the sermon. Mr. Hunt gave the charge to the people, and Mr. Penick to the minister.

Adjourned to meet at Greensborough, October 1, 1830.

MINUTES

OF THE 121ST SESSIONS OF ORANGE PRESBYTERY, WHICH COMMENCED AT GREENSBORO' ON FRIDAY THE 1ST OF OCTOBER, 1830, at 7 o'clock P. M., and ended Wednesday afternoon the 6th.

The Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Caldwell, the Moderator, from Luke ix, 23. Constituted with prayer. Present, Ministers—the Rev. Messrs W. Paisley, E. B. Currie, Jos. Caldwell, D. D., S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E. Graves, E. W. Caruthers, J. Weatherby, J. H. Pickard, (the 3d day) S. L. Graham, (the 5th,) D. A. Penick, (the 4th,) T. P. Hunt, A. W. Gay, N. H. Harding, H. P. Goodrich (the 2nd.)

Elders—Messrs Samuel Kerr, Wm. Clark, Frederick Nash, Daniel Allen, William Morrow, A. W. Venable, James Thom, N. M. Lewis and J. McCain.

The following ministers were absent, viz.: William M'Pheeters, D.D., L. D. Hatch, E. Mitchell, E. Hollister, J. W. Douglass, William Neil, W. S. Plumer, S. H. Smith, E. Weller, M. Osborne, A. Wilson.

1. COMMITTEES.

Messrs Thom and Morrow were appointed a committee to collect the amounts due from each member to the clerk of Synod.

A letter from the stated Clerk was read, and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. Caldwell, A. W. Venable, and N. M. Lewis.

Resolved, That Dr Caldwell, Messrs. Witherspoon and Venable, be a committee to consider the events

of the late French Revolution, so far as the subject of religious liberty is concerned.

Resolved, That Dr. Caldwell and Messrs. Harding, Caruthers and Venable be a committee to consider the propriety of members of this Presbytery residing out of our bounds.

2. Treasurer.

A report of the committee on the Treasurer's accounts was read and accepted, and the same committee continued.

The resignation of Mr. Hatch as Treasurer was received, and Mr. N. H. Harding was elected Treasurer.

3. Candidates.

The committee for the purchase of Bibles, reported, and the report was adopted, and the Treasurer was directed to pay Mr. Hunt 10 dollars, the price of the Bibles, and that the books be committed to the stated Clerk to be disposed of according to the order of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia be requested to instruct the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, to report semi-annually the result of the examination of the Students under their care to the respective Presbyteries to which said students belong.

Resolved, That while the Presbytery will permit the certificate of examination held at the Seminary, where the candidates are educated, to have no controlling influence on their decisions, they do request the professors of that institution to report semi-annually the progress of their candidates in learning and piety.

Resolved, That each candidate, in presenting himself for examination, shall present a certificate from the person or the professor with whom he has pursued his studies, in relation to his piety and progress in his studies.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Presbytery, their candidates, who are prosecuting their studies at the Theological Seminary, ought in no case, without giving satisfactory reasons to the Board of Directors, to absent themselves from the examination of said institution.

Mr Pearson read a critical exercise and a lecture on the subjects assigned him, which were sustained as parts of trial.

4. Collections for Contingent Fund, &c.

Committee on collections for clerk of Synod, and contingent fund of Presbytery, reported that they had collected $9 50 for the clerk of Synod, and $6 38 for the contingent fund.

5. Members not Residing within our Bounds.

The committee on the subject of members residing out of our bounds, reported, and their report was adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That our brethren who have removed from the bounds of this Presbytery, be affectionately recommended, as speedily as shall be convenient, to obtain a dismission from this Presbytery and unite themselves with those within whose bounds they are called to labor in the ministry, or to remove within the bounds of this Presbytery.

6. Stated Clerk, &c.

The committee on the letter of the Stated Clerk reported, and their report was accepted and is as follows, to wit:

The committee to whom was referred the letter of the Stated Clerk, having taken into consideration the matter therein contained, do recommend to the Presbytery that 250 copies of the Minutes of each Session of the Presbytery be printed, and that the subject of preparing those Minutes for publication, both as to the arrangement and selection of those portions which it would be expedient to publish, be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed annually by Presbytery. Messrs Graham, Harding, and Wilson were appointed this committee.

It is also recommended that the overture of our Stated Clerk respecting the early history of this Presbytery, be accepted, and that his continuing to act as Stated Clerk till next Spring be also accepted, and that the Presbytery will receive the communication which he proposes at the time specified in this letter.

7. French Revolution.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of the late revolution in France, particularly with regard to its bearing on the church, reported, and their report was adopted and is as follows; *to wit:*

Resolved, That this Presbytery regarding, with sentiments which they believe common to them with their fellow christians of every denomination in these United States, the abolition of a National religious establishment in France, announced in the constitution of the newly erected government of that

country, they are unwilling to permit the opportunity afforded by their present session as a body to pass, without a united expression of gratitude to God for an event so important to the cause of their religion, to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, and to its efficacy in promoting the eternal salvation of our fellow creatures.—We would indulge in no unbecoming confidence, that the inestimable blessing of religious liberty, promised in this provision of the National charter, is certainly to continue; but so ardent and devoted is our estimation of it, that though disappointments may await us in the course of events under the direction of Him who rules in the armies of heaven and does his pleasure among the inhabitants of the earth, yet we will rejoice in the actual existence of these privileges while they continue, short as may be the date possibly assigned to them. And we will send up our fervent and united prayers to Heaven, chastened, we trust, with a spirit of humility and submission to his will, that these privileges may be perpetuated to that great people, and become common to other nations of the world with like perpetuity, through all their successive generations.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all our ministers to lay this subject before the people at their respective churches, and to embrace the opportunity thereby offered to explain to them the views of our church with regard to religious freedom.

8. Supplies.

The committee of supplies reported, and their report was accepted, and is as follows:

Mr Currie to preach in Randolph 1 Sabbath.

Mr S. Paisley, 1 Sabbath at Spring Grove, and to administer the Sacrament.

Mr W. Paisley at Germantown, 1 Sabbath.

Dr McPheeters at Louisburg, 1 Sabbath.

Mr Graves, Green Spring, 1 Sabbath.

Mr Montgomery, Leaksville, 1 Sabbath.

Do. Spring Garden, 1 Sabbath.

Mr Pickard, 1 Sabbath at Speedwell, and 1 week in Surry.

Mr Witherspoon, 1 Sabbath at Red House.

Mr Hollister, 1 Sabbath at Bank's Chapel.

Mr Weatherby, 2 Sabbaths at Lake Philps.

Mr Caruthers, 1 Sabbath at Lexington.

Messrs Harding, Wilson, Graham, Penick, the 5th Sabbath in October, at Lebanon.

Mr Wilson, 1 Sabbath at Faller's Meeting House.

Messrs Neil, Osborne and Weller, 1 Sabbath each at discretion.

9. Lotteries and Temperance.

Resolved. That it be recommended and enjoined upon all the ministers of this Presbytery to take the earliest favorable opportunity to read publicly to their own congregations the resolutions of the General Assembly on the subjects of Lotteries and Temperance, which most deeply and essentially involve the welfare of our country, and the temporal and eternal interests of our people; and we earnestly look to all the members of our churches and congregations to promote the spirit and prevalence of these resolutions through the community, to the utmost extent attainable by every prudent exertion of their influence.

10. Usury.

Whereas this Presbytery has heretofore expressed its decided disapprobation of the practice of note shaving, as being inconsistent with the spirit of christianity. Therefore, *Resolved*, That the several sessions under the care of this Presbytery, be instructed to institute an inquiry as to the practice of the communicants of their respective churches on this subject, and to proceed to such measures, as christian prudence may direct, to correct this evil.

Rev. N. H. Harding was appointed to preach on the subject of usury at the next session of Presbytery, and Dr Caldwell his alternate.

11. Collections.

Resolved. That at each meeting of the Presbytery, the members be called to report all collections made within their bounds for religious and benevolent purposes, arranged under their appropriate heads.

12. Education.

Resolved, That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Education, on the conditions prescribed in their minutes. It was further *resolved*, that the following persons be appointed an Executive Committee of Education; Dr Caldwell, Messrs Graham, Weatherby, Harding and Wilson, *Ministers*; and Messrs Venable, J. Bullock, and William Huntington, *Elders*, and that four be a quorum to transact business.

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary of the Executive Committee be authorized and requested to purchase and keep a book, into which shall be en-

tered by him all receipts and disbursements for the purpose of education, in board, tuition, clothing, money, books, or any other form, and that it be the duty of the Recording Secretary to have this book always present at the meetings of the Presbytery for its information.

The Education Committee reported, and their report was accepted.

The following sums were collected for the Education fund.

Chapel Hill, - - - -	$8 00
Grassy Creek and Nutbush, -	30 00
Bethel, - - - - -	2 00
Haw River, - - - -	1 70
Danville, - - - - -	10 00
Eno, - - - - -	3 25
	$54 95

Resolved, That the reports of collections for the education fund be called for on the same day on which Presbytery transacts the education business.

13. Subject of Conference.

The following question was submitted to Presbytery, for their conference at the next stated sessions: "What is the best means of promoting religion among children and servants?"

14. Sabbath.

Resolved, That the Presbytery recommend to the churches, to observe the second Thursday in November as a day of fasting and prayer, on account of the profanation of the Sabbath in our land.

Mr. Graham was appointed to preach on the law of the Sabbath, at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

15. Poor.

On inquiry, it was found that none of our church members, are paupers.

16. Southern Professorship.

Dr Caldwell, and Messrs Witherspoon and Allen were appointed a committee on the Southern Professorship.

Adjourned to meet at Washington, the 4th Thursday of April, 1831, at 7 o'clock, P. M.—Concluded with prayer and the apostolical benediction.

THOMAS P. HUNT, *Moderator.*

N. H. Harding, } *Clerks.*
James Weatherby, }

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HOPEWELL CHURCH,)
Mecklenburg Co. N. C. Oct. 15, 1830.)

The Presbytery of Orange met at the call of the Moderator. Opened with prayer.

Present—John Witherspoon, Sam'l Paisley, John H. Pickard, T. P. Hunt, Daniel A. Penick, *Ministers*, --A. W. Venable, *Elder*.

Mr A. W. Venable was appointed Clerk, pro. tem.

Resolved, That this Presbytery, as a Missionary Society, become auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Missions, according to the terms proposed by the General Assembly. It being distinctly understood that every congregation under the care of Presbytery is at liberty to act, as they think best for the Redeemer's kingdom, in joining either the Assembly's Board or that of the Home Missionary Society. The Rev. John Witherspoon was appointed agent of this society to visit the churches under our care in behalf the society.

The Rev. Dr. McPheeters was appointed Treasurer.

An Executive Committee was appointed consisting of the following persons, to wit: J. Witherspoon, S. L. Graham, N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, and Dr. McPheeters, *Ministers;* and A. W. Venable, Esq. *Ruling Elder*.

THOMAS P. HUNT, *Moderator*.

MINUTES

Of the 122d Session of Orange Presbytery, which commenced at Washington, on Thursday the 28th of April, 1831, and ended on Monday, May 2.

Washington, N. C. April 28, 1831.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, Moderator, from 1 Peter ii. 15. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

Constituted with prayer.

Present,—Wm. McPheeters, D. D., John Witherspoon, Michael Osborne, James Weatherby, Hiram P. Goodrich and Thomas P. Hunt;—on the 2d day, John H. Pickard, Samuel L. Graham, Daniel A. Penick, William Neil, N. H. Harding, L. D. Hatch;—3d day, Sidney Weller, *Ministers;*—And Henry D. Turner, Thomas Sparrow and Joseph Potts, *Ruling Elders.*

Absent,—J. Caldwell, D. D. Wm. Paisley, Ezekiel B. Currie, Samuel Paisley, Elijah Graves, Elisha Mitchell, Edward Hollister, Eli W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, J. W. Douglass, Wm, S. Plumer, A. W. Gay, S. H. Smith.

John Witherspoon was elected Moderator, and Michael Osborne and Thomas P. Hunt, Temporary Clerks.

1. Dissolution of the Pastoral Relation.

The Rev. Samuel L. Graham made application for a dissolution of the Pastoral relation existing between him and the congregation of Grassy Creek and Nuttbush; whereupon,

Resolved, That said congregation be cited to appear by their Commissioners at Oxford, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath of June, at 7 o'clock, P. M. before a meeting of Presbytery then and there to be held, to shew cause, if any they have, why Presbytery should not grant said request.

The Stated Clerk was directed to cite said congregations.

Rev. Thomas P. Hunt and S. L. Graham were appointed to take notes of the free conversation on religion and to prepare a narrative of the state of religion within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Ordered that the free conversation on the state of religion be the order of the day for to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

2. Dismissions.

The Rev. William S. Plumer, through the Rev. J. Weatherby, made application to be dismissed from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of East Hanover; whereupon,

Resolved, That he be dismissed, and he is hereby according to request dismissed and recommended to said Presbytery as a member of good standing.

The Rev. Thomas P. Hunt applied for a dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Fayetteville; whereupon, it was

Resolved, unanimously, That he be and he is hereby dismissed from us, and affectionately recommended to the Presbytery of Fayetteville as a minister in good and regular standing with us.

Presbytery spent a part of the afternoon in conference and devotional exercises.

Subject for conference at next stated meeting, "Revivals of Religion."

3. Union Seminary.

Whereas Presbytery are informed that there has recently been an election of a third Professor for the Union Theological Seminary, and that there are no funds in the treasury adequate to his support; therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be directed to write to the sessions of all the churches under our care, urging them to collect from every communicating member of their respective churches, as speedily as possible, at least 50 cts. each, and to forward the amount forthwith to James D. Wood, Esq. (Treasurer of the Union Theological Seminary,) Farmville, Prince Edward co. Va.

A report from the Professors of the Union Theological Seminary, in relation to the piety and progress of the candidates under the care of this Presbytery, pursuing their studies in the Seminary; was received, and ordered to be filed.

4. Stated Clerk.

Rev. N. H. Harding was appointed to act as Stated Clerk until the fall meeting of Presbytery.

5. Missions.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of missions shall not pay to Missionaries employed by this Presbytery more than $33\frac{1}{3}$ per month.

Resolved, That agents for domestic missions employed by this Presbytery and acting within its bounds shall not receive a salary exceeding $50 per month.

The following persons were appointed members of the Executive Committee of Missions, viz. D. A. Penick, and Dr. Caldwell, *Ministers*, in place of Messrs Graham and Harding, resigned; and Richard Bul-

lock, *Ruling Elder*, in the place of Abram W. Venable, Esq. resigned.

The resolution passed at the last meeting of Presbytery requiring the members to give a report of all collections made within their bounds for religious and benevolent purposes, was received.

6. Commissioners.

Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich and John Witherspoon, *Bishops*, and Jas. D. Johnson and Henry D. Turner, *Ruling Elders*, were appointed commissioners on the part of this Presbytery to attend the meeting of the General Assembly.

The following collections were reported for the commissioner's fund.

Raleigh, -	$ 10 00 p'd,	Milton, -	$ 5 00 p'd,
Oxford, -	11 40 p'd,	Washington,	10 00 p'd,
Hillsborough,	15 00 p'd,	Newbern, -	13 70 p'd,
Danville, -	10 00 p'd,	Haw River,	2 50 p'd,
Nutbush, -	13 00 p'd,	Stoney Creek,	2 80 p'd,
Grassy Creek,	5 00	Bethesda,	4 00 p'd.

Resolved, That those congregations which have not contributed to the commissioners' fund this spring, be requested to attend to this duty immediately and report at the fall meeting of Presbytery. The following congregations are delinquent, viz:—Hawfields, Cross Roads, Eno, Little River, Griers, New Hope, Chapel Hill, Bethlehem, Buffaloe, Allamance, Greensboro', Bethel, Red House, Bethany, Carmel, Harmony, Spring Grove, Murfreesborough and Warrenton.

The Executive Committee of Education reported, which report was accepted.

Rev. S. L. Graham was appointed to prepare a Report on the subject of education for the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Executive Committee for Education be authorised to draw on the Treasurer for such monies as may be in his hands, destined to that object.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the late Education Society be directed to settle his accounts with the Treasurer of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to Dr James Webb for his services as Treasurer of the Education Society.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed not to pay out any monies belonging to the Presbytery except the order be signed by the Moderator of Presbytery or such other persons as may be authorised by the Presbytery.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay into the hands of the commissioners from this Presbytery to the next General Assembly, all monies reported at this meeting as contributed for the commissioners fund.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay to the Rev. Jas. W. Douglass $30 89 for services as Stated Clerk, and for monies expended by him in printing the minutes and purchasing blank books.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay to the Assembly's Board of Missions all monies contributed to aid that body in carrying on their missionary operations and which may come into his hands.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of Rev. L. D. Hatch, late Treasurer, report that after examining the debts and credits as exhibited by said Treasurer they find him indebted to the Presbytery in the sum of $300 72; and they recommend that he be permitted to pay this sum as the supposed balance due by him, with the privilege of correcting any errors that may hereafter be discovered, either in his favor or otherwise.

Resolved, That this report be accepted and adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Presbytery be tendered to the Rev. L. D. Hatch for his services as Treasurer of Presbytery.

7. Division of Presbytery.

Resolved, That Dr. McPheeters, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Penick be appointed a committee to consider the expediency of petitioning the Synod of North Carolina at its next annual meeting in Hillsborough, to divide this Presbytery into two Presbyteries; and if in their judgement it be expedient, to specify a proper boundary line, and report to the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the rule requiring the session books to be sent up to Presbytery at stated meetings in the fall, be rescinded.

Mr. Joseph J. Fray was directed to prepare a critical exercise on Rom. vi. 3, 4; a lecture on the 130th Psaslm, and a popular discourse on John vi. 37.

8. Supplies.

The committee of supplies made a report which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Resolved, That the members of this Presbytery be requested during the ensuing recess of Presbytery to spend as much time in vacant congregations conducting four days meetings as may be convenient.

9. Deposition.

A. W. Gay was deposed from the Gospel Ministry, and suspended from the communion of the church, for gross immorallity.

10. Next Meetting.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of Presbytery take place at Oxford the first Friday in October, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

11. Missions.

Executive Committee.

Rev. Wm. M'Pheeters, D. D.
Joseph Caldwell, D. D.
J. Witherspoon.
D. A. Penick.
A. Wilson.
Richard Bullock, *Elder.*
William M'Pheeters, D. D. *Treasurer*, Raleigh

12. Education.

Executive Committee.

Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D. Chairman.
Edward Hollister.
S. L. Graham, Secretary.
J. Weatherby.
A. Wilson.
N. H. Harding,

Elders.

A. W. Venable, Esq.
J. Bullock, Recording Secretary.
William Hentington.

Treasurer of Presbytery,
N. H. Harding, Oxford.
Stated Clerk James W. Douglass.

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MINUTES

Of the 123d Session of the Presbytery of Orange, which commenced at Oxford, N. C. Friday, the 7th of Oct. 1831, and ended Tuesday the 11th.

Oxford, N. C. October 7th, 1831.
Friday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the moderator, the Rev. John Witherspoon, from Mat. xxiii, 33. How can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Constituted with prayer by the moderator.

The roll was called, and the following ministers and elders were present.

Ministers,—E. B. Currie, William M'Pheeters, S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E. Graves, L. D. Hatch, Edward Hollister, S. L. Graham, J. Weatherby, H. P. Goodrich, N. H. Harding, A. Nelson.

Elders,—T. B. Littlejohn, Wm. Beard, J. Bullock, Wm. Gaddis, John Woods, P. Pickard, Alex. Hardy, Robert Donnel, J. M'Alister, H. M'Adin, Dr Wortham

Absent,—Rev. Wm. Paisley, J. Caldwell, J. H. Pickard, E. Mitchel, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, J. W. Douglass, D. A. Penick, W. Neil, S. H. Smith, Sidney Weller, Michael Osborn.

The Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich was chosen moderator, and Rev. James Weatherby and Alexander Wilson, clerks.

2. Mr Russell.

The Rev. Daniel L. Russell presented a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of West Hanover,

recommending him to this Presbytery as a member in good standing—and on motion, he was received as a member of this Presbytery.

3. New Church.

The church organized in Granville Co. by the name of the Sharon, was received under the care of this Presbytery.

It was ordered that the publishing committee be dispensed with

4. Committees.

Dr M'Pheeters, Messrs Graham and Harding were appointed a committee of arrangements.—Messrs Graves, Hollister and Russel, on benevolent institutions—Messrs Witherspoon, Graham and Weatherby, on the minutes of the last General Assembly.

Messrs Harding and Weatherby on the state of religion.

Mr Russell was appointed on the committee of examination in place of Mr Plumer; Mr Wilson in place of Mr Gay; Mr Witherspoon in the place of Mr Hunt.

Saturday morning, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*
October 8th, 1831,

5. Commissioners, &c.

The commissions to the last General Assembly reported, and their reports were accepted.

Little River paid $3 for commissioners' fund—Greers $3—and Chapel Hill $7 50 for the same fund.

6. Call to the Ministry.

Resolved, That Messrs Graham, Goodrich and Harding be a committee to prepare a treatise or

tract, on what constitutes a call to the Gospel Ministry, and report at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

It is understood that the committee may avail themselves of any treatise, hitherto published on that subject.

7. Education.

The committee of the Education fund--report that $151 95 have been collected for that purpose.

The executive committee of education reported in writing and their report was accepted.

The committee appointed to audit the account of the late Treasurer of the Education Society, and the account of the Treasurer of Presbytery reported that they found them correct--and the report was accepted.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Education for the coming year be Dr Caldwell, S. L. Graham, E. Hollister, J. Weatherby, N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, A. W. Venable and J. Bullock.

8. Ordination, &c.

A call was presented from the Sharon congregation, requesting the ministerial services of Mr Geo. W. Ferril, which call being in order, was directed to be put into the hands of Mr Ferril.--And he signified his acceptance of the same.

Resolved, That Presbytery will meet for the ordination and installation of Mr Ferril, at Providence, the 5th of November, at 12 o'clock.

Resolved, That Mr G. W. Ferril be directed to prepare a discourse on 2 Timothy iv, 7.—"I have fought," &c. That Mr Hollister preside, and that Mr S. Paisley be his alternate, that Mr Graham preach the ordination sermon, and deliver the

charge to the minister, and Mr Harding to the people.

9. Dr Miller on Ruling Elders.

Resolved, That this Presbytery recommend to all the churches under their care the careful perusal of Dr Miller's work on the warrant, nature, and duties of ruling elders, as the best author with which they are acquainted, on the subject of their duties.

10. Dissolution of Churches.

Resolved, That the church at Lexington be stricken from the roll.

Resolved, That the church of Green Spring be dissolved, and that the members be recommended to unite themselves with the churches most convenient.

11. Rule respecting Elders.

Mr Bullock, the elder from Nutbush, being absent from Presbytery, it was decided by vote of Presbytery, that Mr Gordon, an elder from the same congregation, had a right to occupy his seat, as the representative from that congregation.

12. Missions.

Resolved, That the following be the Executive Committee of Missions for the next year, and that three of them have power to act. Dr Caldwell, Dr M'Pheeters, Messrs Witherspoon, Penick, S. Paisley, D. L. Russell, Wm. Huntington, R. Bullock and Dr Webb.

Resolved, That the committee of Missions be a committee of supplies

13. Treasurer and Stated Clerk.

Resolved, That the order of Presbytery, which

was made at our last meeting, that the Treasurer pay no monies without an order of Presbytery, be rescinded.

The Rev. S. L. Graham was elected stated clerk of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the remuneration usually paid to the stated clerk, be paid to Mr Harding, the acting stated clerk.

Mr Harding was elected Treasurer of Presbytery.

14. Candidates.

Mr James W. Wiggins, a regular member of the church in Oxford, was presented to Presbytery by Mr Harding, and having been examined on experimental religion, and his motives in desiring the gospel ministry, was received under the care o this Presbytery, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Resolved, That Ephesians i, 23, be assigned Mr Forrest as a critical exercise.--Lecture, Luke 13th chapter, and 1-10—and 51st Psalm 17th verse, for a popular sermon.

15. Conference.

The question for next conference is, "*The manner and result of preaching.*"

16. Dismission.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. H. Smith be dismissed, at his own request, to join the Presbytery of South Alabama.

17. Contingent Fund.

Collections were taken up for contingent fund of Presbytery and stated clerk of Synod--$5 50 for

contingent fund of Presbytery, $9 00 for stated clerk of Synod.

Resolved, That $200 of the contingent fund be appropriated to the Southern Professorship.

18. Accounts of Treasurer of Education Society.

Messrs Graham, Littlejohn and Beard, were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer of the Education Society, and the accounts of the Treasurer of Presbytery.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer of the Education Society, reported that they had found them correct.

19. Licensure.

At Oxford, N. C. the 10th day of October, 1831, the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favor of Messrs Alexander Mebane, Philip Pierson and Daniel L. Lindsay, of their having gone through a regular course of literature; of their good moral character; and of their being in communion of the church: proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for their licensure; and they having given satisfaction as to their accomplishments in literature; as to their experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to their proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; they having adopted the confession of faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did and hereby do license them, the said Mebane, Pierson and Lindsay, as probationers for the holy ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else they shall be orderly called.

20. Next Meeting.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of Presbytery take place in Raleigh, the 18th of April, 1832, at 7 o'clock P. M.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions.

Dr J. Caldwell. Dr W. McPheeters, *Treasurer.* J. Witherspoon, *Corresponding Secretary.* D. A. Penick. D. L. Russell.

Elders.—R. Bullock. W. Huntington. Dr J. Webb.

Education.

Dr J. Caldwell. Edward Hollister. Samuel L. Graham, *Corresponding Secretary*, Waterloo, N. C. N. H. Harding, *Recording Secretary*, Oxford, N. C. J. Weatherby. A. Wilson.

Elders.—J. Bullock. A. W. Venable. W. Huntington.

Treasurer of Presbytery, N. H. Harding, Oxford.

Stated Clerk.—S. L. Graham, Waterloo, N. C.

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MINUTES

Of the 124th Session of the Presbytery of Orange, which commenced at Raleigh, N. C. Wednesday, the 18th of April, 1832, and ended, Saturday, the 21st.

Raleigh, April 18, 1832.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and in the absence of the moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. J. Witherspoon, from 1 Peter 1: 23. "Being born again, &c."—Constituted with prayer.

Present—E. W. Currie, Dr M'Pheeters, Dr Caldwell, S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, J. H. Pickard, E. Graves, E. Hollister, S. L. Graham, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, M. Osborne, J. Weatherby, D. A. Penick, W. Neill, J. Rankin, N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, G. Ferrill, A. L. Watts, *Ministers.*

J. Mebane, H. Turner, W. Marrow, R. Ross, J. M. Wiggins, W. Brown, J. Bullock, A. Hardy, W. M. Lewis, W. Baird, R. Maben, *Elders.*

Absent,—W. Paisley, E. Mitchell, L. D. Hatch, D. L. Russell, H. P. Goodrich, S. E. Weller.

The Rev. Daniel A. Penick was chosen moderator; and the Rev. Jesse Rankin and Mr James M. Wiggins were chosen clerks.

1. Committees.

Dr M'Pheeters and Mr Turner were appointed the committee of arrangements.

Messrs Harding and Neil were appointed a committee to receive contingent and commissioner's funds.

Messrs Wilson and Graham were appointed a committee on benevolent institutions.

A communication was received from the executive board of the foreign missionary society of the Synod of Pittsburg, which was committed to a committee consisting of Dr Caldwell, Messrs S. L. Graham, Witherspoon, Wm. Baird and J. Mebane.

A committee was appointed consisting of Dr Caldwell, Dr M'Pheeters, and N. H. Harding to consider the expediency of making, in some way, a record of the moral and religious effects of the meeting of Presbytery, to report as soon as practicable.

A letter was received from the Synod of New York respecting Baptism by a Roman Catholic Priest, which was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs Montgomery, Witherspoon, Osborne, Graham and Lewis.

2. Installation and Ordination.

Presbytery resolved to take order for the installation of Mr Alexander Wilson, pastor of Spring Grove; the day appointed for the installation is the first Sabbath in July.—Rev. E. B. Currie is appointed to preach the sermon, A. L. Watts his alternate, Rev. S. L. Graham to give the charge to the minister, S. Paisley to give the charge to the people, and N. H. Harding his alternate.

A written request was received from the congregation of New Hope for the ordination of Mr Philly Pearson, sine titulo, whereupon Presbytery appointed the Friday before the fourth Sabbath in June, for his ordination. The Rev. Dr Caldwell was appointed to preside and give the charge, Mr Sam'l Paisley, to preach the sermon, Messrs Mitchell and Currie alternates.

3. Dismission.

A call from the church of Rocky River, in the Presbytery of Concord, for the ministerial labors of the Rev. Daniel Lindley, a licentiate of our Presbytery, accompanied with all the certificates necessary to show that the proper steps have been taken in regard to the Presbytery in which the congregation is situated, was presented to the Presbytery, and on motion, it was resolved to put the call into his hands and agreeably to his own request dismissed him, to be placed under the care of the Presbytery of Concord, and he is recommended to them as a licentiate in good standing.

4. Education.

The executive committee on education made a report which was accepted.

Whereupon the following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That the present state of the education funds of this Presbytery in connexion with the importance of the education cause, calls aloud for greater exertion on the part of the ministers and people within our bounds.

2. That the education committee be instructed to employ forthwith one or more suitable agents to visit our churches, and solicit their contributions in aid of this cause, and that said committee make such compensation to the agents for their services as they may deem proper.

3. That the members of this Presbytery will to the utmost of their ability aid the agents in the discharge of the duties of their agencies.

Rev. George C. Chesley, an ordained minister, formerly in connexion with the Methodist church,

having applied to be received as a member of this Presbytery was heard in a general statement of his relation with the Methodist church, his reasons for leaving them, and his reasons for seeking connexion with us, when after some consultation it was resolved we would proceed to examine him preparatory to his admission to our Presbytery.

Mr Chesley was again introduced, and examined in Theology. After some remarks on the examination, the Presbytery proceeded to take the vote on all the subjects on which he had been examined, which resulted in sustaining the whole: whereupon on his answering in the affirmative, the usual questions proposed to candidates for ordination; he was received as a member of this Presbytery and invited to take a seat.

6. Mr. Chavis.

A letter was received from John Chavis, a free man of color, and a licentiate under the care of the Presbytery, stating his difficulties and embarrassments in consequence of an act passed at the last session of the Legislature of this state, forbidding free people of color to preach.

Whereupon: *Resolved*, that Presbytery in view of all the circumstances of the case, recommend to their licentiate to acquiesce in the decision of the Legislature referred to, until God in his providence shall open to him the path of duty, in regard to the exercise of his ministry.

7. Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That 50 cents instead of 25 cents be the semi-annual tax from each member of Presbytery for contingent fund.

Resolved, That in addition to the contributions hitherto reported at the spring meetings of the Presbytery, the sessions of the several churches under our care be instructed to report also, at the same meetings, a contribution in aid of the contingent fund of the General Assembly.

8. New Church.

Mr Rankin reported the formation of a church at Leaksville, in Rockingham county, which was received under our care.

The resolution of the last Presbytery, directing the church at Lexington to be stricken from our list of churches, was rescinded, and the stated clerk was ordered to write to them on the subject.

9. Reports of Committees.

The committee appointed to take notes on the free coversation on the state of religion in our bounds, and to prepare a narrative for the General Assembly, made a report which was accepted, amended and adopted.

The committee appointed to draw up a minute on the subject of the religious and moral effect of the meetings of the Presbytery, made a report, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, That in future it shall be the duty of the pastor or stated supply of the church at which the Presbytery from time to time holds its stated meetings, to draw up a minute account or narrative of the probable good done during the sessions of the Presbytery, constituting what may be considered a moral history of the meeting of the body, &c.

That said account or narrative be submitted to the next stated meeting, and after receiving such addi-

tions or amendments as may be thought necessary, it shall be added as an appendix to the minutes of the Presbytery.

The committee on the communication of the Synod of Pittsburg reported, and their report was accepted:—After some time was spent in discussing said report, the discussion was arrested to make way for the order of the day, respecting devotional exercises.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from the Synod of N. Y. in relation to baptism by a catholic priest, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz: resolved, that this Presbytery is of opinion that baptism by a Roman Catholic priest is valid.

The report of the committee on the communication on foreign missions was taken up and after considerable discussion, was laid over to the next stated session of Presbytery.

10. Tracts.

Resolved, That this Presbytery do cordially approve of the monthly distribution of tracts.

11. Commissioners.

The following persons were appointed to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly.

	Alternates.
Wm. M'Pheeters, D.D.	Sam'l Paisley.
John Witherspoon,	James Weatherby.
Sam'l L. Graham,	N. H. Harding.
Elders.	*Alternates.*
R. Ross,	Gen. Bryan.
Dr Shaw,	Wm. Huntington.
Dr Atkinson,	Mr Baird.

12. Conference.

The Presbytery proceeded according to a standing order, to spend a few hours in devotional exercises and in conversation on the subject appointed at the last stated sessions.

The subject for conversation at the next meeting of Presbytery, is the question, *what constitutes a call to the ministry?*

13. Dismission.

A letter was received from Mr Alexander A. Mebane a licentiate of this Presbytery, requesting a dismission, that he might be placed under the care of the East Hanover Presbytery. He is accordingly dismissed and recommended to their care as a licentiate of good standing with us.

14. Dissolution of Pastoral Relation.

Mr Weatherby's pastoral relation with the church at Washington was dissolved.

15. Licensure.

Mr Joseph J. Gray read an exegesis on the theme "An Filius sit equalis Deo Patri," a critical exercise on Rom. 6: 3, 4; a lecture on the 130th Psalm, and a popular sermon on John 6: 37, all of which were sustained as parts of trial. Mr Joseph J. Gray was again introduced and examined on Theology, Church History, Church Government, and the Sacraments, all of which were sustained as parts of trial, and it was resolved that Mr Gray be licensed this evening.

At Raleigh, the 21st day of April, 1832, the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favor of Joseph J. Gray, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral

character, and of his being in communion with the Church; proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature, as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies: The Presbytery did and hereby do express their approbation of all these parts of trial; and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed: The Presbytery did and hereby do license him, the said Joseph J. Gray, to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever else he shall be orderly called.

New Hope, June 22d, 1832.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer by Dr Caldwell.

Present—Rev. Messrs J. Caldwell, D.D., S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E. Mitchell, G. Ferrell.

Elder—James Hart.

Rev. Dr Caldwell was appointed Moderator, pro. tem. and E. Mitchell, Clerk.

Mr P. Pierson was examined on theology and church history. Mr Pierson also made a discourse on the subject assigned him. These exercises were sustained as parts of trial previous to ordination.—On motion, resolved, that Mr Pierson be ordained to-day at the usual hour of public worship.

The Presbytery did accordingly proceed to ordain Mr Pierson at the time appointed, as an Evangelist, by prayer and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery, according to the apostolic example.—Mr S. Paisley preached the sermon, and Dr Caldwell presided and gave the charge to the newly ordained minister.

Adjourned to meet at Milton the 5th of September next.—Closed with prayer.

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Standing Committees.

Missions.

Dr J. Caldwell. Dr McPheeters, *Treasurer;* J. Witherspoon, *Corresponding Secretary;* D. A. Penick, D. L. Russell, S. Paisley.

Elders.--R. Bullock, W. Huntington, Dr J. Webb.

Education.

Dr J. Caldwell, Edward Hollister, S. L. Graham, *Corresponding Secretary*, Waterloo, N. C., N. H. Harding, *Recording Secretary*, Raleigh N. C. James Weatherby, Alexander Wilson.

Elders.--J. Bullock, A. W. Venable.

Treasurer.—N. H. Harding, Raleigh, N. C.

Stated Clerk.--S. L. Graham, Waterloo, N. C.

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13. Representation in General Assembly.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported as follows, and their report was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the form of representation to the General Assembly be not changed from Presbyterial to Synodical.

Resolved, That the second section of the 12th chapter of the form of government, be so altered as to read as follows, viz:

"The General Assembly shall consist of an equal delegation of Bishops and Elders from each Presbytery, in the following proportion, viz:

Each Presbytery, consisting of not more than twenty-four ministers, shall send one minister and one Elder; and each Presbytery, consisting of more than twenty-four ministers, shall send two ministers and two elders, and in like proportion for every twenty-four ministers in every Presbytery; and these delegates so appointed shall be styled Commissioners to the General Assembly."

14. Fast.

The Moderator of the General Assembly having recommended Thursday, the 13th of September, as a day of fasting and prayer.

Resolved, That this Presbytery recommend to their congregations under their care, to observe the day accordingly.

15. Conference.

The afternoon was spent by Presbytery in religious exercises, and in conference on the question "What constitutes a call to the ministry?"

The following question was appointed as the subject for conference, viz:—What is the best remedy

for the peculiar difficulties in the way of the usefulness of Presbyterian ministers?"

16. Contingent Fund.

Collections were taken up for contingent fund of Presbytery, and stated Clerk of Synod; $16 50 for contingent fund of Presbytery, and $16 50 for stated Clerk of Synod.

17. Next Meeting.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of Presbytery take place at Shiloh, on the Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in April next, at twelve o'clock.

Resolved, That when Presbytery adjourn, they will adjourn to meet during the Sessions of Synod, at the call of the Moderator.

Standing Committees.

1. *Missions.*

W. M'Pheeters, D.D., J. Caldwell, D.D., J. Witherspoon, D. A. Penick, S. Paisley, P. Pierson—*Ministers.*

W. Huntington, Dr J. Webb, F. Nash—*Elders.*

2. *Education.*

Dr J. Caldwell, E. Hollister, S. L. Graham, H. P. Goodrich, N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, A. L. Watts —*Ministers.*

A. W. Venable, C. L. Read, J. Bullock—*Elders.*

Treasurer—N. H. Harding, Oxford, N. C.

Stated Clerk—S. L. Graham, Waterloo, N. C.

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Minutes of the 126th Sessions of the Presbytery of Orange, N. C.

SHILOH, *April 24th*, 1833.

The Presbytery of Orange met according to adjournment and was opened with a Sermon by the Rev. A. Wilson, Moderator, from 2 Tim. ii. 23. "But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do but gender strifes."

Presbytery was constituted with prayer. The following members were present, viz.

Ministers—E. B. Currie, S. Paisley, E. Hollister, S. L. Graham, A. D. Montgomery, J. W. Douglass, D. A. Penick, H. P. Goodrich, N. H. Harding, D. L. Russell, A. Wilson, G. W. Ferrell, A. L. Watts, and P. Pierson.

Elders—Samuel Tate, W. Clark, H. Young, J. P. Rainey, H. M'Aden, J. L. Wortham, J. Daniel, D. Hart, W. M. Lewis, and S. K. Sneed.

NEW MEMBER.

Rev. Thomas Lynch presented a certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of the Western District to join this Presbytery,

Resolved that he be received.

MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

The Rev. N. H. Harding was chosen Moderator, and Messrs D. A. Penick, and S. K. Sneed, Clerks.

NAME OF CHURCH CHANGED.

Resolved, That the name of the church of Sharon be changed to that of Geneva.

CALLS AND INSTALLATIONS.

The Rev. Geo. W. Ferrell made application for the dissolution of pastoral relation between him and the Sharon church.

The Elder of that church informed the Presbytery, that the said church concurred in the application, Resolved that the request be granted.

A call to the Rev. Geo. W. Ferrell for his pastoral services, from the New Hope church, was presented to Presbytery and read; and being found in order, Resolved that the said call be put into the hands of Mr Ferrell.

Rev. Geo. W. Ferrell made known to the Presbytery that he had accepted the call which had been placed in his hands from the New Hope church,

Resolved, That his installation take place, at New Hope, on Saturday before the first Sabbath in May next, that Samuel Paisley preach the sermon, A. Wilson give the charge to the people, and D. L. Russell the charge to the pastor.

A call for the pastoral services of Mr Alexander Wilson, from the church of Sharon, was presented and read; and being found in order, it was Resolved, that the call be placed in the hands of Mr Wilson.

Rev. A. Wilson made known to Presbytery that he had accepted the call, which he had received from Geneva church.

Messrs Paisley, Penick, and Currie were appointed a committee to install the Rev. A. Wilson as pastor of Geneva church, on the Saturday before the second Sabbath in July next, Mr Penick was appointed to preach the sermon, and Mr Watts his alternate; Mr Paisley to give the charge to the people, and Mr Currie to the pastor, and Mr Hollister his alternate.

Ordination.

Mr J. S. M'Cutchen, a Licentiate under the care of Lexington Presbytery, presented a letter of dismission to join this presbytery, and on motion was received accordingly. The Committee on Ordinations "sine titulo" recommend that the Presbytery

take order for the ordination of Mr J. S. M'Cutchen at Warrenton, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in June; which report was adopted.

Resolved, That at the ordination of Mr McCutchen, Mr Graham preside, and that Mr Hollister be his alternate, that Mr Wilson preach the sermon, Dr McPheeters be his alternate, that Mr D. L. Russell give the charge to the minister, and that Mr Watts be his alternate; and that Rom. v. 1. be assigned to Mr McCutchen, as a subject for a discourse preparatory to ordination.

Standing Rule of Presbytery as to the Contingent Fund.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that absent members be required to pay their quotas to the Contingent fund at the stated meeting, or when they shall be present.

Religious Conference.

The standing order of the day was taken up, and Presbytery spent the forenoon in religious conference on the subject, "What is the best remedy for the peculiar difficulties, in the way of the usefulness of Presbyterian ministers?"

The following subject was chosen for conference at the next stated meeting, viz. "Is a pastoral, or itinerant life, in general, more favorable to ministerial usefulness?"

Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Presbytery reported. His report was accepted, and committed to the stated and temporary Clerks to be audited. The auditing committee reported, that they had examined the accounts of the treasurer, and found them to have

been correctly kept, and accompanied by the requisite vouchers. The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That Mr Hollister be appointed assistant Treasurer, during the absence of Mr Harding.

Missions.

A letter from the Rev. John Witherspoon, respecting missionary matters was received and read. The letter was referred to a committee consistent of Messrs Paisley, Wilson, Goodrich, Penick, and Sneed.

The committee appointed to consider the contents of the Rev. J. Witherspoon's letter, reported that they had done so, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That the treasurer of the Missionary Society be requested to pay over to the treasurer of Presbytery the funds in his hands, and transfer to him the bonds, notes, and other evidences of debt, and that Thomas B. Littlejohn, and Stephen K. Sneed be an auditing committee to examine the accounts and report to the next meeting of Presbytery.

2. *Resolved*, That as the agent of the Executive Committee of missions is absent, the subject of his compensation referred to in his letter to Presbytery be deferred until the Fall meeting of Presbytery.

Foreign Missions.

Mr S. Young, an agent of the Western Foreign Missionary Society, was permitted to address Presbytery in regard to the objects of that society; whereupon, Resolved, That he and the object, which he has in view, be affectionately recommended to the churches under the care of Presbytery.

Preparation of young men for Ministry.

Resolved, That Messrs Wilson, Harding, Russell, Goodrich, Graham, Dr Atkinson, and Sneed be a committee to inquire into the expediency of altering, and if expedient, what alterations are necessary in the mode of preparing young men for the Gospel Ministry during their literary course of study; and report at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Call to Ministry.

The committee, appointed for that purpose, presented an essay on a "call to the ministry," which being read, was recommitted to the committee with a view of rendering it more perfect.

Settlement of Ministers for Life.

The subject of ministerial usefulness, having been under discussion, and the plan of settlement for life, or for a longer term of years, being thought not always for the literary and spiritual growth either of the minister, or of the people; whilst however, the family, or the circumstances otherwise of the minister make it sometimes difficult to remove: Therefore, It is recommended to all our ministers and churches to inquire, whether a temporary exchange of ministers, for a term of weeks, or months might not be occasionally made, to the profit and gratification of all concerned; the arrangements, of course, to be made by the parties, and when all are satisfied, the Presbytery hereby expresses its approbation.

Education.

The Education Committee reported, and the report was approved.

Supplies.

Resolved, That Messrs S. Paisley, Russell, and Dr Atkinson be a committee of supplies.

The Committee of Supplies made their report which was accepted and is as follows:

That Messrs Currie, Lynch, and Ferrell preach two Sabbaths each at the Green Spring.

Rev. Messrs Penick, Watts, and Wilson spend two weeks each at Harmony.

Rev. Messrs Pickard, Caruthers, and S. Paisley, one Sabbath each at Speedwell or Haw River.

Rev. Messrs Rankin, and Penick, one Sabbath each at Danville.

Rev. S. L. Graham at Clarksville as often as convenient.

Rev. Messrs Montgomery, Ferrell, Wilson, and S. Paisley, one Sabbath each at Greer's Church.

Commissioners' Fund.

Resolved, That Messrs Sneed, McAden, Wortham, Russell, and Penick be a committee to report some plan, by which the sums necessary to defray the expenses of our delegates to the General Assembly may be regularly and promptly collected and forwarded to the treasurer of Presbytery.

The Committee on Commissioners funds reported, that in their opinion the most equitable plan for raising the necessary amount, is that of dividing it between the several congregations in proportion to their ability, as nearly as can be done. After this year we shall be entitled to four delegates, this multiplied into $60, (the amount assumed as the expense of each) gives $240, and this we have divided, with as much equity as possible among the churches, and recommend that they be requested to forward at each Spring meeting of Presbytery the following sums, viz:—Hawfields, $7 50; Cross Roads, $7 50; Grassy Creek, $16; Hillsboro', $15; Raleigh, $15; Oxford, $12; Washington, $12; Milton, $10; Nutbush, $10; Greensboro', $10; Danville, $10; Red

House, $8; Newbern, $10; Allemance, $8; Buffaloe $8; Enoe, $6; Little River, $6; Spring Grove, $5; Lexington, $5; Clarksville, $5; Stoney Creek, $5; Bethesday, $5; Bethel, $5; Harmony, $5; Chapel Hill, $5; Geneva, $5; Bethany, $5; Greers, $4; New Hope, $3; Louisburg, $2; Carmel, $2; Speedwell, $2; Haw River, $2; Leaksville, $2; Warrenton, $2; Bethlehem, $2.

Licensure.

Mr Forrest read a critical exercise on Eph. i. 23, which was sustained as a part of trial.

Resolved, That Messrs Goodrich, Wilson, S. Paisley, and Watts be appointed to examine Mr Forrest on the several subjects on which he has not hitherto been examined. Messrs Clark, Atkinson, and Wortham were added to the committee. Mr Forrest then read a lecture, on Luke i. 1—9, which was sustained as part of trial.

The committee appointed to examine Mr Forrest reported that they had attended to that duty, and have examined Mr Forrest on Logic, Rhetorick, Natural Philosophy, Church History and Church Government, and Natural and Revealed Religion, and recommend that his examination be sustained,which report was accepted and adopted. Mr Forrest read a Sermon from 51st Psalm 17, which was sustained as a part of trial.

Resolved, That Mr Forrest be licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the gospel ministry.

At Shiloh the 27th April, 1833, the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favor of W.P. Forrest of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in liter-

ature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license him, the said Forrest to preach the Gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry, within the bounds of this Presbyter, and wherever else he shall be orderly called.

Temperance.

Resolved, That Messrs Harding, Russell, Mitchell, Bingham, and Venable be requested to deliver addresses on the subject of Temperance at the next meeting of Presbytery.

Beneficiaries.

Resolved, That the resolution found on page 78 of our printed Minutes in relation to the obligation of beneficiaries, to refund monies expended in their education, be rescinded.

The next Stated Sessions of the Presbytery of Orange will take place at New Hope, Orange co. on Wednesday the 5th of September, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Snanding Committees.

1. *Education.*

J. Caldwell, D.D.: E. Hollister: S. L. Graham, *Cor. Sec.*: N. H. Harding, *Treas.*: A. Wilson: H. P. Goodrich: A. L. Watts: A.W.Venable: C.L.Read: and J. Bullock.

2. *Missions.*

E. Hollister: S. L. Graham: A. Wilson: S. K. Sneed: J. M. Wiggins: S. S. Downey.

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NEW HOPE, *Sept. 4th*, 1833.

PRESBYTERY met according to adjournment; and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. A. Wilson, from 2 Tim. 4. ii. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." Constituted with prayer; the following Members being present, viz:

Ministers—Rev. E. B. Currie, W. McPheeters, D. D. Jos. Caldwell, D. D., (3d day,) S. Paisley, J. Witherspoon, E. Graves, E. Mitchell, S. L. Graham, D. D., A. D. Montgomery, J. Rankin, M. Osborne, S. Weller, W. Neil, D. L. Russell, A. Wilson, G. W. Ferrell, A. L. Watts, G. C. Chesley, T. Lynch, J. S. McCutchan, D. A. Penick, (2d day) J. H. Pickard.

Elders—W. Baird, G. Morrow, Samuel Kerr, Samuel Turrentine, F. Witherspoon, Dr. E L. Read, J. W. Jeffries, J. L. Wortham, Jas. Hart, H. L. Read, R. G. Elton, J. Atkinson, Dr. W. A. Shaw, M. P. Huntington, (2nd day,) Mr. Sterrett, (2nd day.)

1. ABSENTEES.

Absent—Rev. W. Paisley, L. D. Hatch, E. W. Caruthers, J. W. Douglass, H. P. Goodrich, E. Hollister, J. Weatherby, N. H. Harding, and P. Pierson.

2. Moderator and Clerks.

The Rev. Jesse Rankin was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. W. Neil and Dr. W. A. Shaw were chosen Clerks.

3. Committees.

Dr. Graham and Dr. McPheeters were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last General Assembly; and were instructed to report such subjects contained in them, as may deserve the attention of Presbytery.

Mr. Graves was appointed to receive contributions for the stated clerk of synod; and Mr. Wilson for the education and contingent funds.

Messrs. Watts, Witherspoon and Pickard were appointed a Committee of Supplies.

Mr. John Chavis, a man of colour, and a licentiate, under the care of this Presbytery, having forwarded to this body an essay on the atonement, which he desires the Presbytery to assist him in publishing—*It was resolved*, That said essay be committed to Dr. McPheeters, Mr. Graham and Mr. Read. The same committee were also charged with all other matters relating to Mr. Chavis' case.

The subject of assessment on the churches, for the commissioner's fund, was committed to Dr. McPheeters, Mr. Osborne, Mr. H. L. Read, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Kerr.

Resolved, That Messrs. Graham and Penick, with Mr. Baird and Dr. Wortham be a committee on the subject of evangelists.

Resolved, That the Missionary Society meet on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, and that Rev. Messrs. Russell, McCutchan and Witherspoon be a committee to select suitable persons to address the society and congregation.

4. New Church.

Mr. Pickard reported the formation of a new church, consisting of seven members at High Rock, Rockingham County, whereupon *Resolved*, That said Church be received under the care of Presbytery.

5. Dissolution of Pastoral Relation and Dismission.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. Mr. Witherspoon and the church at Hillsborough, was dissolved by mutual consent; and the Rev. Mr. Osborne was appointed to give information of this fact to the congregation. Mr. Witherspoon was, at his own request, dismissed from this Presbytery; to join the Presbytery of Harmony.

6. Conference.

According to a standing rule, Presbytery spent some time in conference on the question, "Is a pastoral or itinerant life in general more favourable to ministerial usefulness?" The following question was chosen for next conference, viz.: "What are the occasions and evidences of self-deception in religion.

7. Supplies.

The committee of supplies reported the following re-

solution, which was adopted, viz.: *Resolved*, That it be recommended to each minister of this Presbytery, to spend two weeks in missionary labour, between this and the next meeting of Presbytery, and that they go two and two at discretion.

8. Installation.

The committee appointed to install Mr. Ferrell at New Hope, *Reported*, That they had performed that duty, which report was approved.

9. Education.

The following contributions to the Education Fund were reported, viz: Nutbush, (Spring collection) $40; Hillsborough, $25; Stony Creek, $2,25; Raleigh, $10; Chapel Hill, $10; Little River, $2,12½; Grassy Creek, $15; Red House, $10; Louisburg, $2; Clarksville, $2. The Executive Committee of Education reported, and their report was approved. The following persons were appointed a Committee of Education for the ensuing year: Dr. Caldwell, E. Hollister, S. L. Graham, N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, H. P. Goodrich, A. L. Watts, A. W. Venable, C. L. Read and J. Bullock.

10. Missions.

The Executive Committee of Missions reported; and their report was accepted and approved. The committee appointed to make arrangements for the meeting of the Missionary Society, made the following report, which was adopted, viz: Resolved, 1. That the Missionary society meet Saturday morning for the transaction of business. 2. That Dr. Graham, Mr. Penick,

and Dr. W. A. Shaw be requested to deliver addresses in behalf of the society before the congregation. 3. That a collection be taken up in aid of the funds of the Society. Addresses were accordingly delivered by Mr. Penick and Dr. Shaw; and a collection, amounting to $92, taken up.

11. Fast & Special Meetings of Synod.

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly, reported the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz: 1. Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery be directed to forward to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, a copy of the resolution passed by this body in 1832, in relation to the overture, sent down to the Presbyteries, on the subject of special meetings of Synods. 2. This Presbytery having learned, that the last General Assembly has appointed the first Monday of January, 1834, as a day of fasting and prayer, for the conversion of the world to God—that it be earnestly recommended to our churches to observe the day appointed for the purpose, and in the manner recommended by the Assembly.

12. Mr. Chavis.

The committee on Mr. Chavis' case reported the following resolutions which were adopted, viz: 1. That this Presbytery deem it inexpedient to do any thing in relation to Mr. Chavis' proposed publication on the Atonement, inasmuch as it is on a subject which has been amply discussed, and of course would not be generally interesting, and the proceeds would probably con-

tribute nothing towards his support. 2. That Dr. C. L. Read be added to the committee hitherto appointed in Mr. Chavis' case.

13. Reciprocal Duties.

Resolved, That the Churches under our care, having pastors or stated supplies, be required to report, annually to Presbytery, respecting the fulfilment of their reciprocal duties and engagements; and that due record thereof be spread annually on the Session Book of each congregation, specifying in every case the sum paid and arrearages, if any, that may be due from the people to their minister.

Resolved, That when any congregation shall become vacant, in consequence of the resignation, death, or removal of its pastor or stated supply, it be the duty of such congregation, prior to their entering into a new engagement with any other minister, to discharge all arrearages that may be due their former pastor or stated supply.

Resolved, That this Presbytery will not, in future, encourage or authorize the settlement of a minister in any vacant congregation, which may be in arrears, until said arrears are either discharged or formally relinquished by the consent of Presbytery, and the minister, to whom they are due.

14. Literary Institution.

The committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the mode of preparing young men for the

gospel ministry during their literary course—made a report, which after considerable discussion was recommitted to the same committee, with the addition of Dr. Caldwell and Mr. Morrow.

The committee to whom was recommitted the report of the committee, suggesting alterations in the literary part of the education of youth, especially those designed for the ministry, presented a report—which, having been amended, was adopted, and is as follows, viz. It is recomended to the Presbytery to proceed without delay, to make such provision, as shall be necessary, for imparting education, agreeably to their own views of the subject, in its essential merits, and its great and important ends.

The committee recommend to the Prebytery the adoption of the following resolutions, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to establish a literary institution, within the bounds of the Orange Presbytery, on principles such as to secure a strictly Christian education.

2. That the site of this institution shall be in or near Greensborough, in the county of Guilford.

3. That the Rev. Messrs. S. L. Graham, A. Wilson, D. L. Russell, E. W. Caruthers, W. Neil, and Dr. W. A. Shaw be appointed agents to traverse the portion of country under the care of the Presbytery of Orange, according to such distribution as they shall consent to make among themselves, with a view to solicit and secure contributions for the establishment of

the institution; for providing proper buildings, lands, teachers, library and apparatus; and that these agents make report to Presbytery at the next stated sessions, or at its adjourned meeting in Hillsborough.

4. That it be the duty of the agents to frame an address, stating the purposes now entertained by the Presbytery on this subject, explaining their views, and earnestly urging the important object upon the public mind; to have 500 copies of the address printed and distributed; and that it shall be their duty to press upon the general feeling, and especially upon the friends of the Presbyterian church the necessity of entering, without delay, and to an appropriate and competent extent, upon unremitted exertions for accomplishing the proposed object.

5. That it shall be especially an explanation to be given by the agents to the public, that it is contemplated and intended, according to the encouragement, which shall be expressed by the people within the bounds and under the care of the Presbytery, to provide as means shall be afforded them, for the connexion of manual labour with the proposed school, to erect structures, provide all such tools, implements, and supervision as shall be necessary to manual labour for youth, who shall repair to the institution, to obtain education by such means and upon such conditions.

15. Collections on the Sabbath recommended.

Whereas many of our churches and ministers labour

under many difficulties, and suffer much spiritual loss in consequence of the inadequate provision usually made for the support of the ministry—Therefore, *Resolved*, that it be, and it hereby is, affectionately recommended to our churches to take up collections regularly on the sabbath after public worship, and that after defraying from the monies thus collected, the contingent expenses of the church, the balance, remaining on hand at the end of the year, be applied, as the convenience of the congregation may require, either to aid their subscription for the support of the gospel, or the purchase of a parsonage.

16. Licensure.

Mr. Nathaniel B. Patterson, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, whose studies, on account of ill health, had been for some time suspended, was introduced, and examined on Natural and Revealed Theology and church government, and his examination was sustained as part of trial. Mr. Patterson delivered a sermon on the subject assigned him, which was sustained as part of trial.

Mr. James Phillips, a member of the church at Chapel Hill, having been introduced to Presbytery by Dr. Caldwell, was examined on his knowledge of experimental religion, and his views in desiring the office of the gospel ministry, it was, on motion, *Resolved*, That he be received as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Resolved, That Dr. Caldwell, Mr. Paisley, Mr. Graves, H. L. Read, and Mr. Morrow be a committee to examine Mr. Phillips on his literary course. The

committee appointed to examine Mr. Phillips reported, that he had sustained a satisfactory examination on Latin and Greek, on Rhetoric, Moral Philosophy and Geography, which report was adopted. Mr. Phillips was examined on Theology and Church History, and his examination sustained as part of trial.

Resolved, That Mr. Phillips deliver a discourse at candlelight, on Luke 11, v—xiii. Mr. P. did deliver the discourse on the subject, and at the time appointed; and it was sustained as part of trial—whereupon it was *Resolved*, To proceed to his licensure; and he was accordingly licensed, according to the form prescribed in the book of discipline.

Mr. Nathaniel B. Patterson having passed through all the trials prescribed in the book of discipline; and Presbytery having received satisfaction in them all, was in like manner licensed to preach the gospel.

17. Candidates for the Ministry.

Mr. Daniel D. Doak, a member of Allemance church and graduate of the University; Mr. W. N. Mebane, a member of the Greensborough church and graduate of the University, having been introduced to Presbytery by Mr. Russell; and Dr. W. A. Shaw, a member of the church at Washington and graduate of the University, having been introduced by Dr. Caldwell; and Mr. Lemuel Murray, a member of the church of Cross roads, and Mr. A. E. Thom, a member of the Allemance church and graduate of the University of North Carolina, having been introduced by Dr. Graham—were, severally, examined as to their knowledge of ex-

perimental religion, and their views in desiring the office of the gospel ministry; and Presbytery being satisfied with their examination, they were received as candidates for the ministry, under the care of this Presbytery.

Mr. Doak and Dr. Shaw were examined on English Grammar, Greek and Latin, Moral Philosophy, Rhetorick, Logick and Geography, which examination was sustained as part of trial. The following exercises were assigned to the candidates, viz: "An constat liberum arbitrium hominis divino decreto," to Mr. Thom, as the subject of an exegesis. "An sit providentia specialis, et quomodo sit," to Mr. Murray. "An miracula idonea testimonia sunt divinæ missionis," to Mr. Mebane. "An detur peccatum originale," to Mr. Doak. Quo sensu Christus sit Deus," to Dr. Shaw, as subjects for Latin exegesis. Luke 15 c. 11 to 32 v. was assigned to Mr. Thom, and the 110th Psalm to Mr. Doak, as subjects for popular lectures. Heb. 6, 1 to 6 v. was assigned to Mr. Doak, and Heb. 10 c. 26 to 29 v. to Mr. Thom, for a critical Exercise. Luke 16. 30, was assigned to Mr. Thom, as the subject of a popular sermon; and John 3. 18, to Mr. Doak for the same exercise.

18. Assessment for Contingent and Commissioners' Fund.

The committee on the contingent fund reported that all the ministers present had paid their quotas to this fund. The assessment for commissioners' fund to remain as before, with the following alterations, viz:

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Washington $15; Milton $12; Danville $12; Chapel Hill $12; Red House $10; Newbern $15; Louisburg $5; Leaksville $5; Warrenton $5; High Rock $2.

19. Mr. Baker.

Resolved unanimously, That the Rev. D. Baker be affectionately invited to act as an evangelist within our bounds; and that the Executive Committee of Missions be instructed to give him a competent support. Messrs Venable and Graham were appointed a committee to communicate the wishes of Presbytery to Mr. B.

20. Meetings of Presbytery.

Resolved, That an adjourned meeting of Presbytery be held at Hillsborough, the 16th of January 1834, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Resolved unanimously, That the next stated session of Presbytery, be held in Newbern, on Wednesday the 30th of April, 1834, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

21. Standing Committees.

Education.

J. Caldwell, D. D.: E. Hollister: S. L. Graham, *Corresponding Secretary:* N. H. Harding, *Treasurer:** A. Wilson: H. P. Goodrich: A. L. Watts; A. W. Venable: C. L. Read and J. Bullock.

Missions.

E. Hollister: S. L. Graham: A. Wilson: J. M. Wiggins: S. K. Sneed: S. S. Downey, and D. A. Penick, *Corresponding Secretary* and *General Agent.*

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MINUTES
OF THE 128TH SESSION OF THE
Presbytery of Orange, N. C.

NEWBERN, APRIL 30TH, 1834.

Presbytery met according to adjournment; and in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. James Weatherby from Luke xvi: 31. "And he said unto him, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."—Constituted with prayer; the following members being present, viz:

Ministers.—Rev. James Weatherby, D. L. Russell, A. L. Watts, (2d day) Rev. N. H. Harding, A. Wilson, S. Paisley, D. A. Penick, W. Neil, (3d day) W. McPheeters, D.D., M. Osborne.

Elders.—(2d day) Dr E. Hawes, Joseph Potts, Mr Huntington.

1. ABSENTEES.

Absent—Rev. W. Paisley, E. B. Currie, J. Caldwell, D.D., Messrs Pickard, Graves, Mitchell, Hatch, Hollister, Weller, Graham, Douglass, Montgomery, Goodrich, Rankin, Chesley, Lynch, McCutchan, Caruthers, Ferrell, Pierson, Price.

2. MODERATOR AND CLERKS.

The Rev. James Weatherby was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. A. Wilson and Mr. J. Potts were chosen Clerks.

3. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

Rev. D. Lacy of East Hanover Presbytery, Rev. Mr Bird of the Presbytery of Newburyport, and Rev. J. L. Wilson of the Presbytery of Harmony

being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

4. Letters received from Absent Members.

Letters were received from Rev. J. S. McCutchan, E. Mitchell and A. D. Montgomery, assigning reasons for absence from the present session of Presbytery.

5. New Churches.

The Shiloh congregation organized by the Rev. S. L. Graham requested to be received under the care of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the request be granted.

The congregation of Fairfield organized according to the direction of Presbytery, requested to be taken under the care of Presbytery.

Resolved, That this request be granted.

6. Calls.

A call from Shiloh congregation for the pastoral services of the Rev. S. L. Graham, was presented, and being found in order,

Resolved, That this call be put into the hands of Dr Graham.

A call from the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, N. C. for the pastoral services of Rev. D. L. Russell was presented to Presbytery, and being found in order,

Resolved, That this call be put into the hands of Mr Russell.

A call from the Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, to the Rev. J. W. Douglass, a member of this body, was presented by the Hon. Henry Potter, a Commissioner from that congregation, and being found in order,

Resolved, That this call be put into the hands of Mr Douglass.

A call from the congregation of Newbern, for the

7. Session Books.

pastoral services of the Rev. Drury Lacy, was laid before Presbytery, and being found in order, was put into the hands of Mr Lacy.

The following Committees were appointed to examine Session Books, viz: Messrs Harding and Hawes, Shiloh; Messrs Paisley and Watts, Washington; Messrs Russell and Harding, Newbern. The Committee on the Session Book of Shiloh, Washington and Newbern, reported and recommended that the records be approved, and their reports were adopted.

8. Stated Clerk.

Resolved, That the Salary of the Stated Clerk be five dollars.

9. Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Presbytery reported and his report was referred to the temporary Clerks, as an auditing committee.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Presbytery be directed to collect the contributions for the Commissioners' fund due this spring, from those churches, which have not forwarded it to Presbytery.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reported that they had examined the accounts, and found them correctly kept, and accompanied with the proper vouchers, and their report was adopted.

Resolved, That ten dollars per annum be allowed the Treasurer of Presbytery for his services out of any funds in his hands.

10. Commissioners' Fund.

Resolved, That the contributions for Commissioners' fund for the churches of Newbern and Washington, be reduced to $12 each, that of Milton and Danville from $12 to $10; Raleigh from $15 to $12;

and that for Shiloh be $10; Grassy Creek $6; and Fairfield $3.

The following churches have contributed to the commissioners' fund, viz: Spring Grove $5, Providence $5, Washington $15, Newbern $15, Oxford $10, Milton $8, Raleigh $15, Bethesda $5.

11. Education.

Resolved, That W. McPheeters, D.D. and Rev. N. H. Harding be added to the committee appointed on Education at Hillsborough.

The report of the committee on Education of young men for the gospel ministry was taken up, and after considerable discussion, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of the subject be deferred until the next stated session of Presbytery.

Resolved, That the order of Presbytery passed in Wilmington in relation to the defraying of the expenses of printing the address on Education be rescinded, and that it be defrayed from the Education fund.

12. Manual Labor School.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Greensboro' Academy and Manual Labor School be requested to accept of the charter, granted them by the last Legislature; and that they petition the next Legislature, so to alter the charter, that the school may thereafter be known by the name of the "Presbyterian Academy and Manual Labor School of Greensborough," and so to alter the fourth section of said charter, that the filling of vacancies in the Board of Trustees, and the manner of appointing Trustees and other officers of the institution may be provided for as directed in the last clause of the second section of the act incorporating the Trustees of the Episcopal School of North Carolina, to wit: "And

provided further, that the said Board established for any one year, may fill vacancies, from any cause, in the same, until the next annual meeting of the Trustees and their successors, to be held at such time and place as by an ordinance of their body they may designate; when they may declare in what manner Trustees and other officers of the institution shall be appointed."

Resolved, That the Rev. Nehemiah H. Harding be, and he hereby is, appointed an agent, on behalf of this Presbytery, to solicit donations in aid of the funds of a "Presbyterian Academy and Manual Labor School," to be established at Greensborough, N. C.—and that he be earnestly requested to proceed forthwith to discharge the duties of the agency.

Resolved, That the agent pay what money he may collect, until the next stated meeting of Presbytery, into the hands of Rev. Messrs Wm. Paisley, E. W. Caruthers, Jesse Rankin, and Christopher Moring, and S. S. Downey, Esqs. to be by them held in trust for, and subject to the order of this Presbytery.

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars per annum, and his necessary travelling expenses, be allowed Mr Harding, as a salary, out of money collected by him.

13. Mr Chavis.

Resolved, That the committee hitherto appointed in the case of Mr Chavis, be directed to inquire into his situation, and make such provision for him as his necessities may require.

14. Foreign Missions.

The Rev. J. L. Wilson a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, now on a visit to his native country from the Western Coast of Africa, being present, was requested

to make such communications to the Presbytery, as he might deem proper on the subject of his mission.

Rev. J. L. Wilson having addressed the Presbytery on the subject of the mission to Africa.

Resolved, That Presbytery highly approve of the object of his mission, and most earnestly recommend him and his object to the prayers and hearty co-operation of the congregations within our bounds.

15. Commissioners.

Rev. D. L. Russell and A. L. Watts were chosen Commissioners to the General Assembly. Rev. H. P. Goodrich alternate of Mr.. Russell, and Dr McPheeters alternate of Mr Watts; Elders Dr E. Hawes with Mr Baird his alternate; and Dr Shaw with Gen. Bryan his alternate.

16. Conference.

The question for conference was postponed until the next meeting of Presbytery.

17. New Member.

A certificate of dismission from the East Hanover Presbytery was presented by the Rev. Drury Lacy, whereupon Mr Lacy was received as a member of this Presbytery and invited to take his seat.

18. Licensure.

Doctor W. A. Shaw, read a critical exercise on Acts xx: 17—28, a lecture on 1st Psalm, a popular discourse from John 15: 25, and was examined on Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government, and the Hebrew Language—all of which were sustained as part of trial.

At Newbern, 3d day of May, 1834, the Presbytery of Orange having received testimonials in favor of Mr William A. Shaw, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character, and of his being in the communion of the

Church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure; and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial: and he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this Church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed, the Presbytery did, and hereby do license him the said William A. Shaw to preach the gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the gospel ministry.

19. Ordination.

Mr William McElroy, a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, having been laboring for some time past as a stated supply in Danville, and it appearing to Presbytery, that the interest of the church in that place would probably be much promoted by his ordination; therefore

Resolved, That Presbytery proceed now to take order for his ordination.

Mr William McElroy was examined on all the branches specified in the book of discipline, viz: Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Church Government and the Sacraments, the Greek and Hebrew Language and Philosophy, and his examination was sustained.

Mr McElroy delivered a discourse from John i: 9, which was sustained as a part of trial. Mr McElroy was ordained as an Evangelist, by prayer and the imposition of the hands of Presbytery. Dr McPheeters presided and offered the ordaining prayer, and Mr Wilson gave the charge to the Evangelist: and then the Rev. William C. McElroy took his seat as a member of this Presbytery.

20. INSTALLATION.

Rev. Drury Lacy having signified to Presbytery his acceptance of the call for his pastoral services from the Congregation of Newbern: Presbytery resolved to proceed to his instalment on Monday next, the 5th inst., at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that the Moderator preside upon the occasion, Mr Harding preach the sermon, Mr Wilson give the charge to the minister, and Mr Osborne give the charge to the people.

At the appointed time, Presbytery proceeded to instal the Rev. Drury Lacy the pastor of the first Presbyterian Church of Newbern. The Moderator presided, Mr Harding preached the sermon, the charge to the minister was given by Mr Wilson, and the charge to the congregation by Mr Osborne.

Adjourned to meet at Greensborough, Wednesday, the 17th of September next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

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MINUTES OF THE 129th SESSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE, N. C.

GREENSBORO', 17th Sept. 1834.

Presbytery met according to adjournment; and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by the Rev. Jesse Rankin, from John vi. 44—"No man can come unto me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day." Constituted with prayer, the following members being present, viz.

Ministers.—Rev. William Paisley, E. B. Currie, Wm. M'Pheeters, D. D., Joseph Caldwell, D. D., J. H. Pickard, Samuel Paisley, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, Jesse Rankin, Geo. Chesley, A. Wilson, William M'Elroy, D. A. Penick, Ph. Pierson, N. H. Harding, John S. M'Cutchan, A. L. Watts, Tho. Lynch, Elijah Graves.

Elders.—Mr Wm. Cummins, James Mebane, Z. Neill, Wm. Clark, William Baird, John L. Lesuexer, Rob. Mebane, Wm. Rankin, Wm. A. Shaw, Fred. Nash, Robert Ross, H. R. Dusenburg, Thomas H. Wylie, Samuel S. Downey, James Clark, John L. Woods, Robert Barr, Jesse Conner.

1. ABSENTEES.

Rev. James Weatherby, D. L. Russell, Wm. Neil, M. Osborne, D. Lacy, George Ferrell, S. Weller, S. J. Price, S. L. Graham, E. Mitchell, James W. Douglass, H. P. Goodrich, and L. D. Hatch.

Resolved, That excuses on account of distance, and previous disappointments, are not satisfactory reasons for non attendance on the regular meetings of Presbytery.

2 *Moderator and Clerks.*

The Rev. Wm. M'Pheeters, D.D. was chosen Moderator, and Mr Montgomery and Mr W. A. Shaw, Clerks.

3. *Corresponding Member.*

Dr William M'Dowell of Charleston Union Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

4. *Commissioners, &c.*

The following persons were nominated as Commissioners to the next General Assembly, viz. Mr A. Wilson with Mr S. Paisley as his alternate; Mr Osborne with Mr Caruthers as his alternate; Mr S. S. Downey with Mr James Mebane as his alternate; and Dr Atkinson with Mr W. Baird as his alternate. Delinquent Churches were called upon for their quota to the Commissioners' Fund.

Resolved, That the Church of Eno be assessed at $3 00; High Rock, at $2 00; Grassy Creek, at $5 00; Leaksville, $3 00; and Shiloh, $11 00.

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly made a report to Presbytery, which was accepted.

5. *Ordination.*

Mr James Philips, a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, having been laboring for some time with acceptance in vacant congregations; and it appearing to the Presbytery that the interests of the church would probably be much promoted by his ordination as an evangelist,

Resolved, That Presbytery now proceed to take order for his ordination, at the next stated meeting: That Mr Philips prepare a sermon on John i. 14, as a part of his trial. Dr Caldwell was appointed to preach the ordination sermon; the Rev. E. Mitchell his alternate: Dr M'Pheeters to preside; and Rev. M. Osborne to give the charge to the Evangelist.

Mr James D. Hall, a licenciate under the care of the Presbytery, having been laboring for some time as a Missionary, in the congregations of Speedwell and Haw River; and it appearing to Presbytery,

that the interests of those churches would probably be promoted by his ordination, therefore,

Resolved, That Presbytery now proceed to take order for his ordination; and that the ordination take place the Friday before the second Sabbath in November, at Speedwell church. Mr Hall was directed to prepare a sermon on Eph. ii. 10; Rev. E. W. Caruthers was appointed to preach the ordination sermon; Rev. Jesse Rankin to preside; and the Rev. J. H. Pickard to give the charge to the evangelist; and Mr Montgomery alternate to Mr Caruthers.

6. Calls.

A call from the Church in Danville, for the pastoral services of the Rev. W. M'Elroy, was laid before Presbytery, and being found in order,

Resolved, That the call be put into the hands of Mr M'Elroy.

7. Installation.

Mr M'Elroy having declared his willingness to accept the call, therefore,

Resolved, That his installation take place the Saturday before the first Sabbath in October. The Rev. Jesse Rankin was appointed to preach the sermon; Mr Penick to give the charge to the pastor, and Mr Montgomery to the people. Mr Montgomery was appointed the alternate of Mr Rankin.

8. Dismission.

A letter was received from the Rev. J. Weatherby, requesting dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of North Alabama, whereupon it was

Resolved, That Mr Weatherby be, and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing, to join the Presbytery of North Alabama.

9. Dissolution of Pastoral Relation.

Rev. N. H. Harding requested to be released from the Pastoral charge of the Church in Oxford. Their representative having consented, the request was granted, and the church declared vacant. The Rev. E. Hollister, was appointed to give the congregation information of the decision of Presbytery.

10. Catechism.

Whereas it is seriously apprehended, that the catechisms of our church have very much gone into disuse, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That it be earnestly recommended to our Church Sessions, to attend strictly to the catechising of the children and youth of the churches.

2d. That the Presbytery will expect hereafter a written report on this subject, to be appended to the annual Sessional reports.

11. Missions.

Resolved, That Dr. Caldwell, Mr Rankin, Mr Mebane, Mr Wilson, be a committee on Domestic Missions, to report at this meeting.

The committee on Missions made a report toPresbytery, which was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

Resolved, 1st. That in the opinion of this Presbytery, it is all important, our churches on this great subject should be united, and whatever plan of operation will promise most effectually to unite the feelings, and call forth the resources of the churches in this work, that is the plan we would wish to adopt.

Resolved, 2d. That we have heard with interest, from the Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Missions, who is now with us, that that Board have been adopting measures to act more extensively, and more efficiently, for the supply of the Southern portion of our widely extended Zion.

We have been gratified to learn, that they have in contemplation, should the brethren here approve of the measure, to appoint, without delay, an efficient agent, for the Synod of North Carolina, whose whole time is to be devoted to the cause of Domestic Missions, within the bounds of said Synod; and that their design is if a suitable person, who is a member of the Synod, can be obtained for this purpose, to select the agent from our own Synod.

The employment of such an agent, the Presbytery believe will be the most likely plan to give efficiency and permanency to our operations. And they hereby express their approbation of such a course; and their readiness, should such an agent be appointed, to do what they can to aid him in his important work.

Resolved, 3d. To secure union, and concert of action in this matter, this Presbytery do now declare itself auxiliary to the General Assembly's Board of Missions; and for the management of their Missionary concerns, in connection with said Board, they will appoint an Executive Committee of Missions, to consist of four ministers and three elders, any three of whom, regularly convened, shall be a quorum, with the powers and for the purposes hereafter specified, viz.

1*st*. To receive applications for aid, from feeble congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery, which have pastors, or stated supplies; and to recommend the same to the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

2*d*. To devise and execute plans for raising funds in the several congregations, within the bounds of the Presbytery, which funds shall be reported to a Treasurer appointed by the Presbytery; and the funds thus raised, as far as needed, shall be expended in the support of Missionaries within our bounds,

commissioned by the Board of Missions, on the recommendation, or with the approbation of this Committee; also in the support of any agent, or agents, which the Board of Missions, with the approbation of this Committee, may employ within our bounds. If more funds should be raised than are sufficient for the purposes above-mentioned, the balance shall, by order of the Committee, be paid over to the Treasurer of the General Assembly's Board of Missions.

3d. To select, and recommend to the General Assembly's Board of Missions, Missionary fields, and Missionary laborers; and also to locate such Missionaries as may be sent to them for special instruction. It being understood that Missionaries, and all Missionary agents, commissioned by the Board of Missions, to labor within the bounds of this Presbytery, must receive the sanction, or approbation of this Committee.

4th. To suggest the amount of aid which they may deem indispensibly necessary to be afforded to each congregation, which they shall recommend to the attention of the Board of Missions.

5th. The Treasurer of this Presbytery, and the general agent for the Synod shall, ex officio be members of the Executive Committee. And this agent, under the direction of the Executive Committee of Presbytery, shall be *superintendent* of Domestic Missions for the Presbytery. And further, it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to report annually in the spring, to the Presbytery and to the Board of Missions.

The following persons were elected an Executive Committee on Domestic Missions, viz.

Ministers.—Rev. D. A. Penick, Rev. S. L. Graham, Rev. A. Wilson, and Rev. N. H. Harding.

Elders.—Mr. W. M. Lewis, Dr. James L. Wortham, and James Mebane, Esq.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Executive Committee to make all necessary arrangements, for the transfer of the Missionaries laboring under the direction of the former Executive Committee of this Presbytery, that the Missionary funds now in the hands of the Treasurer of this Presbytery be also placed under the direction of the Committee just appointed.

12. LICENSURE.

Mr Daniel G. Doak, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, read a lecture on 100th Psalm, and a critical exercise on Heb. vi. 1, 6.

Mr Doak was also examined on Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Ecclesiastical History, and Theology, all of which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Doak read a popular discourse on John iii. 18. which was sustained as a part of his trial.

At Greensborough, the 20th of Sept. 1834, the Presbytery of Orange having received sufficient testimonials in favor of Mr D. G. Doak, of his having gone through a regular course of literature; of his good moral character; and of his being in the communion of the church, proceeded to take the usual parts of trial for his licensure: and he having given satisfaction as to his accomplishments in literature; as to his experimental acquaintance with religion; and as to his proficiency in divinity and other studies; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, express their approbation of all these parts of trial. And he having adopted the Confession of Faith of this church, and satisfactorily answered the questions appointed to be put to candidates to be licensed; the Presbytery did, and hereby do, license him, the said Daniel G. Doak to preach the Gospel of Christ, as a probationer for the holy ministry; within the bounds of this Presbytery, or wherever he shall be orderly called.

13. Supply of the world with the Bible.

Resolved, That the Presbytery have heard, with great pleasure, the statements of Mr. Wm. A. Shaw, agent of the American Bible Society, for the State of N. C., respecting the supply of the world with the Bible; and that they cordially approve of the object; and will heartily co-operate with the State Society in endeavoring to raise whatever sum of money that Society may think attainable for so good and desirable an object.

14. Mr Chavis.

Resolved, That in view of the present necessitous condition of Mr John Chavis, a free man of color, and a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, owing chiefly to his advanced age and bodily infirmities, the Presbytery of Orange will provide a competent support for Mr Chavis, during the year ensuing, by private contributions, or otherwise; and that the Rev. Messrs M'Pheeters and Osborne, with Mr John Primrose of Raleigh, be a committee to supervise the application of this charity; and that the contributions be forwarded to the Committee as early as possible.

15. Manual Labor School.

Rev. Drs M'Pheeters, Caldwell, and Mr Paisley, were appointed to prepare plans of buildings for the Manual Labor School, and report them to the next meetings of Presbytery, during the Sessions of Synod, at Oxford. Mr N. H. Harding was appointed general agent, for collecting funds for the Manual Labor School, and Mr Rankin his alternate—and Dr M'Pheeters, Dr Caldwell, Mr N. H. Harding, Mr Jesse Rankin, Mr Graham, Mr Wilson, Mr Penick, and Mr Osborne, were appointed a Board of Agency to secure its objects.

Resolved, That the land contemplated as the site of the Manual Labor School, be forthwith purchas-

ed; and all the legal conveyances for its possession obtained; and that Dr J. A. Mebane, Jn. M. Morehead, Esq. and John M. Dick, Esq. be instructed to complete the purchase.

Resolved, That Dr M'Pheeters, Judge Nash, and Mr W. A. Graham, be appointed a Committee to apply to the Legislature, if they deem it expedient, for the modification of the charter granted by the Legislature of 1833.

Adjourned to meet in Oxford during the Sessions of Synod.

Oxford, October 9, 1834.

The Rev. L. D. Hatch requested dismission from this Presbytery, to join the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The Rev. James W. Douglass requested dismission to join the Presbytery of Fayettville; and the Rev. E. Hollister likewise requested dismission to join the Presbytery of Illinois, whereupon, it was resolved that they be, and they hereby are dismissed, as members in good and regular standing, to join the Presbyteries aforesaid.

Calls.

A call from the church at Clarksville, to the Rev. S. L. Graham, was laid before Presbytery by Mr S. V. Watkins; and being found in order, was put into Mr Graham's hands.

Installation.

Messrs Rankin, Montgomery, and Harding, were appointed a Committee to install Rev. W. M'Elroy, on the Saturday before Second Sabbath in December next. Mr Rankin to preach the sermon; Mr Harding deliver the charge to the people; and Mr Montgomery the charge to the Pastor.

EDUCATION.

Rev. Messrs. Rankin, Harding and Penick, with Mr Wm. A. Shaw, elder, were appointed a Committee on Education, to report to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock.

The Committee appointed to confer with the agent of the Board of Education, and prepare a plan of operation within the bounds of Presbytery, presented the following report, which was adopted, viz.:

1. *Resolved*, That this Presbytery become auxiliary to the Board of Education of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and that the agent of the Board be allowed free access to the churches under our care, in promoting the objects of said Board.

2. That a Committee of Education be annually appointed by the Presbytery, consisting of three ministers and two elders, whose duty it should be to confer, and co-operate with the agent in his work; to examine and receive all students in the bounds of the Presbytery, who may desire to enter the ministry, and who need pecuniary aid; to fix the sums which each shall, from time to time receive, and give drafts on the Treasurer of the Presbytery for the same; and to exercise such a supervision of them and their studies, as they shall consider necessary.

3. This Committee shall make a report of their doings to the Presbytery, at stated meetings, exhibiting the number and names of students received by them, the sums expended to aid them in the prosecution of their studies, &c. The sanction of the Presbytery to such report shall place the student, so reported, under the care of Presbytery.

They shall likewise make a similar report previously to the 1st day of May in each year, to the Board of Education of the General Assembly, in

order to have it incorporated in the annual report of the Board.

4. All the students, received by said Committee, shall be received and sustained on the same principles and by the same rules which govern the Board of Education in their reception of candidates; and these candidates shall be, during their whole preparatory course, under the direction of the Committee, and of Presbytery, unless they have been either dropped by the Presbytery, or regularly dismissed to place themselves under the care of some other Ecclesiastical body.

5. All the money, hereafter raised by the agent of the Board, within the bounds of Presbytery (unless the donors prefer otherwise,) shall be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Presbytery; to be expended by him agreeably to the order of the Committee; it being understood that whatever is not needed for the purposes above specified, within the bounds of the Presbytery, shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Education, and that the Committee be authorised to draw upon the Board for any amount which they may need for the assistance of candidates under the care of Presbytery.

Rev. Messrs Penick and Wilson were appointed a Committee to divide the Presbytery into Committees of two ministers each, and to assign them their respective fields, in destitute regions within their bounds, where they may perform one month's Missionary labor before the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Said Committee offered the following report which was adopted.

Rev. Messrs Currie, and Lynch, Chatham; Messrs Rankin, & M'Elroy, Pittsylvania, Rockingham, and Stokes: Messrs Wm. Paisley, and Patterson, Surry; Messrs Caruthers, and Pearson, Davison, and Ran-

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dolph; Messrs Penick, and Wilson, Edenton, and vicinity; Messrs Graham, and Harding, Tarboro' and vicinity; Messrs S. Paisley, and Montgomery, Franklin, and Warren; Messrs Watts, & Lacy, Pitt, and Lenoir; Messrs M'Pheeters, and Osborne, Hertford, and Bertie; Messrs Chesley, and Weller, Washington, and Tyrrell; Messrs Hall, and Shaw, Johnson, Wayne and Greene.

Adjourned to meet at Hillsboro', Wednesday, 22d of April next, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. MISSIONS.—N. H. Harding, D. A. Penick, A. Wilson, S. L. Graham, W. M. Lewis, J. L. Wortham, J. Mebane.

2. EDUCATION.—Dr M'Pheeters, Mr Osborne, Mr Harding, Mr H. D. Turner, Mr C. Dewey.

S. L. Graham, stated Clerk, Clarksville, Va.

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PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE, N. C.

Minutes of the 130th Session of the Presbytery of Orange.

HILLSBOROUGH, 22D APRIL, 1835.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator from John 9: 4. "The night cometh when no man can work." Constituted with prayer,—The following members being present, viz: Ministers,—Rev. W. Paisley, E. B. Currie, W. M'Pheeters, D.D., E. Graves, S. L. Graham, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, D. A. Penick, M. Osborne, D. L. Russell, A. Wilson, G. W. Ferrell, A. L. Watts, P. Pearson, J. S. M'Cutchan, D. Lacy, W. C. M'Elroy, S. J. Price, J. D. Hall, Jesse Rankin, J. H. Pickard, (2d day) Th. Lynch, and N. H. Harding, (2d day) E. Mitchell (3d day.)

Elders—Mr Samuel White, Mat. Brown, A. W. Venable, Th. Atkinson, M. P. Huntington, J. L. Wortham, W. Brown, H. R. Dusenbery, J. W. Norwood, John Atkinson, S. K. Sneed, J. Smith, A. M'Auley, Dr Shaw, (2d day) S. S. Downey, J. L. Wood, and Elijah Pickard, (2d day) and A. Walker (2d day.)

Absentees.

Absent, Rev. S. Willer, W. Neil, G. C. Chesley, and H. P. Goodrich.

Moderator and Clerks.

Rev. M. Osborne was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. A. Wilson, and W. C. M'Elroy Clerks,

Calls.

A call from the church at Shiloh to the Rev. S. L. Graham was laid before the Presbytery by Mr A. Venable; and being found in order was put into Mr Graham's hands.

Mr S. L. Graham informed Presbytery that he accepted the call from Clarksville heretofore put into his hands, and also that from Shiloh.

A call from the congregation at Rocky River, Cabarras co. N. C. for the pastoral services of the Rev. D. A. Penick, was presented, which being found in order was put into the hands of Mr Penick.

A call was presented from the congregation in Oxford for the pastoral services of the Rev. Jesse Rankin, which being found in order was put into the hands of Mr Rankin. Mr Rankin signified his acceptance of the call.

A call from the congregation at High Rock for the pastoral services of Mr P. Foster was laid before Presbytery, and being found in order, was put into the hands of Mr Foster. Mr Foster signified his acceptance of the call.

Ordination.

Resolved, That Presbytery meet at High Rock on the Friday before the fourth Sabbath in May, to take the usual parts of the trial for the ordination of Mr P. Foster and also to install him pastor of the High

Rock church. Rev. W. Paisley to preside and give the charge to the minister. Mr Caruthers to preach the ordination sermon. Mr Pickard to give the charge to the people. Mr Lynch alternate of Mr Caruthers, Mr Currie to Mr Paisley, and Mr Bird to Mr Pickard.

Resolved, That Presbytery meet at Lewisburg on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in June to proceed to take the usual parts of trial for the ordination of Mr J. J. Gray and Dr W. A. Shaw, and that Dr M'Pheeters preach the ordination sermon; Rev. N. H. Harding preside; Mr Graham charge the evangelists; and Mr Rankin be alternate to either. Mr Gray was directed to preach a sermon on John 18: 22. Dr Shaw to preach a sermon on 2 Peter 1: 10.

According to arrangements adopted at the last stated Sessions of Presbytery, Professor Phillips, with a view of his ordination, delivered a discourse on the subject previously assigned him. And was examined on church government, pastoral theology, and the sacraments.

Professor Phillips having [now] passed through the usual trials required of licentiates preparatory to ordination,—And Presbytery being satisfied as to his qualifications for the sacred office, proceeded to ordain him to the work of the Gospel ministry by prayer, and with the laying on of the hands of Presbytery according to the Apostolic example

The Rev. E. Mitchell preached the ordination sermon, Dr M'Pheeters presided and offered the ordaining prayer, and, with the other members of Presbytery, gave the right hand of fellowship.

The charge to the newly ordained Evangelist was then given by the Rev. Mr Osborne.

Installation.

Presbytery resolved, that the installation of Rev. J. Rankin at Oxford take place on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in May, (to-morrow) Rev. Mr Graham preside and preach the sermon; Rev. Mr Harding charge the people; Rev. Mr Price charge the minister. Mr Harding and Price be alternates, each of the other.

Resolved, That the installation of the Rev. S. L. Graham at Shiloh, take place on Saturday before the 3d Sabbath of June and that Rev. Jesse Rankin preach the sermon, and Rev. N. H. Harding give the charge to the pastor and people.

Resolved, That the installation of Rev. S. L. Graham at Clarksville take place on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in July; that Mr M'Elroy preach the sermon and Mr Wilson give the charge to the pastor and people. Mr Harding alternate of either.

Dismissions.

A letter was received from Mr R. D. Russell licentiate under the care of this Presbytery requesting a dismission to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Western District.

Whereupon resolved, that Mr Russell be dismissed according to his request.

Rev. J. S. M'Cutchan applied for a dismission to join the Presbytery of Concord. The Rev. G. C. Chesley requested dismission to join the Presbytery of West Hanover. The Rev. D. L. Russell requested dismission from this Presbytery to

join the Presbytery of Madison. The Rev. Wm. Neil, applied for a dismission to join the Presbytery of East Hanover, Virginia. Whereupon it was resolved that they be and they hereby are dismissed as members in good and regular standing, to join the Presbyteries respectively aforesaid.

New Member.

A certificate of dismission from the Presbytery of Newburyport was presented by the Rev. Thos. Bird, whereupon Mr Bird was received as a member of this Presbytery.

Committees.

The following persons were appointed Committees on Session Books.

Allemance and Bethany—D. L. Russell and M'Cauley.
Bethel and Bethesda—Rankin and Dusenbery.
Bethlehem and Buffalo—Graham and M. Brown.
Carmel and Chapel Hill—Caruthers and Venable.
Clarksville and Cross Roads—Montgomery and Wortham.
Danville and Eno—Penick and Sneed.
Fairfield and Providence—Russell and M'Cauley.
Greensboro' and Grassy Creek—Hall and Norwood.
High Rock and Hillsboro'—Watts and Dr. Atkinson.
Hawfields and Haw River—Terrell and Huntington.
Harmony and Leaksville—Pierson and W. Brown.
Lexington and Little River—Lacy and Mr. Atkinson.
Lewisburg and Milton—M'Elroy and Smith.
Murfreesboro' and New Hope—Price and Shaw.
Newbern and Nutbush—M'Cutchan and Mr. Atkinson.
Oxford and Raleigh—Wilson and Norwood.
Redhouse and Shiloh—Rankin and Sneed.

Spring Grove and Stony Creek—W. Paisley and S. White.
Speedwell and Washington—M'Pheeters and Venable.
Warrenton—S. Paisley and Sneed.

The Rev. Mr. Graham, D. A. Penick and A. W. Venable were appointed a Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Rev. Messrs Penick and Russell were appointed a committee to take notes on the free conversation on the state of religion within our bounds and prepare a report to the General Assembly.

Rev. W. Paisley, D. A. Penick, and Mr James Mebane were appointed a committee to nominate trustees of the school about to be established at Greensborough.

Messrs Lacy, Watts, and Shaw, were appointed a committee of supplies.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer of Presbytery made his report, which was committed to an auditing committee, consisting of Messrs. Venable and Sneed.

The auditing committee on the accounts of the Treasurer reported, which report was adopted, and ordered to be recorded in the book of the Treasurer.

Rev. N. H. Harding resigned his office as Treasurer of Presbytery.—Whereupon the following resolution was adopted viz:

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of Presbytery be tendered to the Rev. N. H. Harding for the diligent, faithful and able manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office as Treasurer.

Rev. Mr Osborne was elected Treasurer of Presbytery.

The Caldwell Institute and Manual Labor School.

The board of agency appointed at the last stated meetings of Presbytery, to secure the objects of the Manual labor school, reported, which report with the general subject connected with the school was referred to the Rev. W. M'Pheeters, D.D., Rev. S. L. Graham, A. Wilson, E. W. Caruthers, W. Paisley, and Messrs Dusenbery and Norwood *elders*, to report as soon as possible.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the institution which this Presbytery contemplates establishing within its bounds, presented the following report, which was adopted as follows, viz:

The committee consider the question as settled that if it be possible we must have such an institution. It is desirable that one uniform and persevering course should be pursued in relation to it. To secure this object they recommend that the whole arrangements of the contemplated institution be committed to a board of Trustees to be chosen by the Presbytery, consisting of 6 ministers and 6 ruling elders, to hold their office for three years, one third of whom shall go out of office at the expiration of one year, and the remaining two thirds at the expiration of two and three years in alphabetical order. It shall be the duty of this board to draw up a detailed plan for their own government, and for the regulation of the institution and to submit the same to the Presbytery for their approbation.

They shall elect teachers, collect moneys and have full power to carry into effect the wishes of this Presbytery in relation to said institution. It

shall be their duty to report to the Presbytery semi-annually. The committee further recommend that its present location be not changed.

The committee appointed to nominate trustees of the Presbyterian school, reported, and the following persons were appointed.

Ministers	*Elders*	
Rev. E. W. Caruthers,	Mr H. Dusenbury,	for 1 yr.
" S. L. Graham,	" J. Gibson,	
" M. Osborne,	" J. Mebane,	for 2 yrs.
" W. Paisley,	" C. Mooring,	
" J. Phillips,	" J. Norwood,	for 3 yrs.
" A. Wilson,	" A. W. Venable,	

Resolved, That the school about to be established by the Presbytery be called, "The Caldwell Institute and Manual Labor School of Orange Presbytery."

The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute informed Presbytery that they had unanimously elected Rev. A. Wilson one of the teachers of said institution. Whereupon, upon motion of Mr Osborne from the committee appointed by the trustees for that purpose, it was resolved that the congregation of Spring Grove and Providence be cited by Mr Rankin and Mr Sneed to appear by their commissioners before Presbytery, to show cause, if they have any, why Mr Wilson's pastoral relation shall not be dissolved.

Resolved That the trustees of the Caldwell Institute and Manual labor school of Orange Presbytery be directed to pay the Rev. D. L. Russell the sum due him for his services and expenses as Agent of the Presbytery, viz: $173.

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this

Presbytery be given to Mr Russell for his services as agent for the Manual labor school.

Mr Chavis.

The committee appointed to attend to the wants of Mr Chavis,—reported that the moneys received for the benefit of John Chavis from Oct. last, up to the present date amount to $83 25 cts.—and that the moneys expended in his support during the same period amount to $81 95 cts., leaving a balance in favor of the charity fund of $1 30, which report was adopted.

Resolved, that the resolutions adopted at the last stated session of Presbytery at Greensboro', respecting Mr J. Chavis be recommended to the special notice of the members of this Presbytery, as expressive of their continued determination to secure a competent support for this aged licentiate of our Presbytery.

2d. That the cause of Mr Chavis be laid before each church and congregation within the bounds of this Presbytery.

Rev. A. Barnes' Notes on Romans.

Whereas the Rev. A. Barnes of Philadelphia has recently published a book entitled, Notes, Explanatory and Practical, on the Epistle to the Romans, designed for Bible Classes and Sunday Schools. And whereas, this Presbytery are informed by brethren in whose piety and soundness, in the faith, and good judgment we have confidence, that the book in question contains statements and views of Christian Doctrine at variance with the doctrines of the Reformation, and calculated to impair the confidence of the young and the unwary in the Standards of the Presbyterian Church—therefore,

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Presbytery, the book above-mentioned ought not to be countenanced as a commentary proper to be used in the churches under our care or circulated amoung our Bible Classes and Sunday Schools.

Standards of the Church. Adhering Act.

Whereas the Presbyterian church in these United States has, for several years past, been perplexed and agitated in consequence of certain insinuations and suspicions which have been extensively spread about in relation to the heterodoxy of ministers of our denomination and their departure from the spirit and letter of our standards. Therefore—

Resolved, that the members of this Presbytery with the view of satisfying each other and their brethren generally as to their own individual orthodoxy, do hereby declare and avow their fixed and continued adherence to those standards of doctrine and ecclesiastical order which in their obvious and intended sense they have heretofore solemnly subscribed.

This resolution passed unanimously.

Supplies.

The committee of supplies reported and the report was adopted and is as follows, viz:

The committee of supplies beg leave to make the following report, viz: that it be recommended to the members of Presbytery, to spend between this time and the next meeting of Presbytery, at least 2 weeks of missionary labor in the following counties viz:

Rev. M'Elroy & Penick,	Su[illegible]
" S. Paisley & Harding,	R[illegible]
" Pickard & Hall,	[illegible]
" W. Paisley & Caruthers,	Davidson & Randolph,
" Currie & Lynch,	Person,
" Ferrell & Prof. Phillips,	Chatham,
" Doak & Graves,	Warren & Nash,
" Wilson & Graham,	Halifax & Northampton,
" Rankin & Gray,	Johnson & Wayne,
" Price & Montgomery,	Pittsylvania & Halifax, Va.
" Weller & Russell,	Hartford & Bertie,
" M'Pheeters & Osborne,	Pitt & Beaufort,
" Shaw,	Martin & Washington,
" Lacy,	Lenoir & Jones.

Mr Nash.

Mr Frederick Nash, a ruling elder in the congregation of Hillsboro', was introduced by Mr Price as a candidate for the Gospel ministry, and examined as to his experimental acquaintance with religion, and his motives in seeking the gospel ministry. Whereupon, resolved that Mr Nash be received under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the Gospel ministry.

The following exercises were assigned to Mr. Nash, viz. Anmiracula edoneatestemonia sint devinae missionis, for an exegesis—John 16, 13, for a critical exercise—Psalms 15, for a lecture—Rom. 8, 1, for a popular sermon.

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made a statistical report, which was adopted and ordered to be transmitted to the Clerk of the Gen. Assembly.

Funeral Sermon for Dr Caldwell.

Resolved That the sermon which Dr M'Pheeters was appointed to preach commemorative of the death of Dr Caldwell be deferred till Saturday the 10th of Oct. next, at Lexington, during the session of Presbytery.

Instruction of Slaves.

Resolved, That it be commended to the members of the churches under the care of this Presbytery, who are owners of Slaves, to impart to them such oral and catechetical instructions as are calculated to give them a knowledge of the plan of salvation and that for this purpose they make use of the Assembly's shorter catechism and Jones' catechism for colored persons.

Commissioners to General Assembly.

The Rev. Messrs Osborne and Wilson were appointed commissioners to attend the next meeting of the General Assembly. Dr M'Pheeters alternate to Mr Osborne and Mr Price alternate to Mr Wilson.

Elders—Mr S. S. Downey with Mr J. Mebane as his alternate, and Dr Atkinson with Mr W. Baird as his alternate.

Session Books.

The Committee on Session Books reported, and their reports were accepted.

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MINUTES OF THE 131st SESSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE, N. C.

LEXINGTON, October 9th, 1835.

Presbytery met according to adjournment; and, in the absence of the Moderator, was opened with a sermon by Dr M'Pheeters from Heb. 4: 1. "Let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us, &c. &c.--Constituted with prayer.—The following members being present, viz.

Ministers.--Wm. McPheeters, D. D., S. Paisley, D. A. Penick, S. L. Graham, D. D., A. Wilson, G. Terrell, A. L. Watts, P. Pierson, Thos. Lynch, D. Lacy, W. McElroy, S. J. Price, T. Bird, W. A. Shaw, W. P. Forrest, J. Hall, W. Paisley, (2d day,) A. D. Montgomery, (3d day,) N. H. Harding, (4th day,) E. W. Caruthers.

Elders.--J. Conrad, F. Nash, Jr., Sam'l Turrentine, Dr. Currie, R. Cluck.

1. *Moderator and Clerks.*

Rev. Thos. Lynch was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. Bird and Lacy, temporary Clerks. The minutes of the last stated sessions were read. Letters were received from Rev. Messrs Pickard and Osborne, assigning reasons for absence from the present sessions of Presbytery, which were sustained.

2. *Committees.*

A committee consisting of Drs. McPheeters and Graham was appointed to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

A letter, requesting the ordination of Mr Doak, a licentiate of this Presbytery, was forwarded by the churches of Eno and Little River, which was, on motion, put into the hands of Messrs Wilson, Watts, and Nash, as a committee to report thereon.

The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute reported a plan for the government of the same, which report, together with all the papers relating to that subject, was referred to a committee consisting of Drs McPheeters and Graham, and Messrs Wilson, Watts, and Judge Nash, to report thereon as soon as convenient.

Rev. Messrs Wilson and Watts were appointed a committee to divide the Presbytery into four examining committees.

Rev. Messrs McElroy and Price were appointed a committee of supplies.

3. *Dissolution of Pastoral Relations.*

Mr Price requested that the pastoral relation subsisting between himself and the congregation of Hillsboro' be dissolved, and the Elder from that congregation having stated that he had not been authorized to oppose this application, the request was granted.

The subject of dissolving the pastoral relation between Mr Wilson and the congregations of Providence and Spring Grove was taken up, and the Presbytery being informed that the steps required by the constitution had been taken, thereupon dissolved the pastoral relation; and these churches are accordingly declared vacant.

4. *Dismissions.*

Rev. S. J. Price applied to Presbytery for a certificate of dismission to join the Presbytery of West

Hanover, and it was resolved, that he be, and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing, to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

Rev. Mr Osborne requested dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of New York, whereupon it was resolved that he be, and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing, to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

The Rev. D. A. Penick requested dismission from this Presbytery to join the Presbytery of Concord, whereupon it was resolved that he be, and he hereby is dismissed as a member in good and regular standing, to join the Presbytery aforesaid.

5. *Candidates.*

Mr J. T. Ely, a candidate for the gospel ministry, under the care of the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia, presented a certificate of good standing in said Presbytery, and of dismission therefrom to put himself under the care of this Presbytery: whereupon he was received—The parts of trial assigned to Mr Ely by the Presbytery of Philadelphia were continued; viz: "De Deo" as a Latin Exegesis; James 2. 14—26 as the subject of a critical exercise; "the parable of the prodigal son" of a lecture; and Romans 8: 1, of a popular sermon.

Mr A. G. Hughes was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and was examined on his acquaintance with experimental religion, and his views and motives in desiring the sacred office; and the Presbytery being satisfied, he was accordingly received under its care. The following subjects were assigned to Mr. Hughes as parts of trial, viz: "Non est res indifferens quam religionem quisque colat," for a Latin Exegesis; and 1st Tim. 3: 14-16 for a critical exercise.

Mr John Paisley was introduced to Presbytery as a candidate for the gospel ministry, and was examined on his acquaintance with experimental religion, his views and motives in desiring to enter the sacred office; and the Presbytery being satisfied with the examination, he was accordingly received under its care. The following subjects were assigned to Mr Paisley as parts of trial; *Error in doctrinis* religionis speculativis, non est innocens, "for a Latin Exegesis;" Heb. 5: 45. "For it is impossible, &c," for a critical exercise; Psalm xxiii, for a lecture; and Ezek: xxxiii: 11, for a popular sermon.

6. *Calls.*

Calls from the churches of Griers and Fairfield for the pastoral services of the Rev. Thos. Lynch were presented, and being found in order, were, on motion, put into the hands of Mr Lynch.

7. *Installation.*

Rev. Mr Lynch informed Presbytery that he accepted the calls put into his hands, from the churches of Griers and Fairfield—whereupon,

Resolved, That his Installation take place at Griers on Monday after the 4th Sabbath in Oct.; that Rev. Mr Montgomery preach the sermon, and Rev. A. Wilson give the charge to the people and pastor; that Rev. E. B. Currie and G. W. Terrell be their alternates: And at Fairfield, on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath of November; that Rev. G. W. Terrell preach the sermon, Rev. J. Phillips give the charge to the people and pastor; that Rev. E. B. Currie be alternate to either.

8. *Ordination.*

The committee to whom was referred the petition from the congregations of Enoe and Little River

report, That they have considered the subject with as much attention and care as they conveniently could, and, inasmuch as there has been a considerable revival at Little River, which is said to be still progressing, and the labors of an ordained minister seem to be greatly needed, your committee recommend that the request of the petitioners be granted. The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the ordination of Mr D. Doak take place on the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Nov., at Little River; that Eph. ii: 8. be assigned as the subject of a sermon, preparatory to his ordination; that Rev. E. B. Currie preside; Rev. Thos. Lynch to deliver the charge to the evangelist; Rev. E. W. Caruthers preach the sermon, Rev. J. Phillips alternate to Mr Caruthers, Rev. G. W. Terrell of Mr Lynch, and Rev. A. Wilson of Mr Currie.

Whereas the practice of ordaining licentiates to the whole work of the gospel ministry, "sine titulo," at the request of our congregations, has a tendency to introduce them into the sacred office where they have, as probationers, preached a period generally too short to answer the purposes in view; and whereas many of the members of this Presbytery regard the above practice, as more or less at variance with the letter and spirit of our constitution; and as calculated, in some degree at least, to bring into disrepute, throughout our churches, the pastoral relation with its numerous important benefits, therefore

Resolved, That, in future, it be deemed unadvisable and irregular, either for our congregations, or for our probationers to press by petition or otherwise, the subject of Ordination "Sine Titulo," unless it be under circumstances coming clearly under the existing provisions of the constitution.

9. *Installations.*

The committee on installations reported that they had performed the duties respectively assigned them, which reports were accepted.

10. *Treasurer.*

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account reported, that they have examined the accounts of Rev. Mr Osborne, the treasurer, and find them correctly stated, and in every case supported by the necessary vouchers. The report was adopted.

Rev. Mr Osborne tendered to Presbytery his resignation of the office of Treasurer, which was accepted; and the thanks of the Presbytery were returned to Mr Osborne for the faithful discharge of his duty as Treasurer.

Mr N. C. Read of Clarksville was elected the treasurer of Presbytery in the place of Mr Osborne resigned.

Dr Graham was requested by Presbytery to carry the contingent fund of Presbytery to Mr. N. C. Read, the Treasurer.

11. *Supplies.*

The committee of supplies made their report, which was accepted and is as follows:

Harding and McElroy, Pittsylvania and Caswell.

Montgomery and Doak, Person and Halifax, Va.

Bird and Hall, Rockingham, Surry and Stokes.

Graham and McElroy, so much of the counties of Pittsylvania, Halifax and Mecklenburg as belong to this Presbytery.

Rankin and Terrell, vacant churches in Granville.

Graham, Gray and Weller, Northampton, Bertie and Halifax.

Dr McPheeters and Osborne, Johnson and Wayne.
Mitchell and Phillips, Chatham and Hillsboro'.
W. Paisley and Graves, Randolph.
Pickard and Currie, Guilford and Orange.
Caruthers, Davidson.
Pickard and Patterson, Ashe.

12. *Education.*

The report of the committee of Education was presented by the chairman of said committee, read and approved; and the resolution contained in the report was adopted, viz:

Whereas the Beneficiaries of this Presbytery, owing to their location at different and distant places, do not, in many cases, come under the immediate care and supervision of the committee of Education or of any of its members; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to appoint, from time to time, one or more persons conveniently situated, who shall be requested to inspect the deportment of the Beneficiaries,—converse with them on the subject of experimental religion, impart to them suitable advice, and examine them quarterly or oftener, if convenient, as to their proficiency in literary and scientific studies, preparatory to the gospel ministry, and make report to the committee.

Resolved, That in future it be deemed irregular and improper for any candidate under the care of this Presbytery, or any Beneficiary connected with the committee of Education, to engage in the business of teaching, or to receive out of the bounds of this Presbytery for the purpose of pursuing his academic studies, preparatory to the Gospel ministry, without consulting formally, and obtaining the ap-

probation of the Presbytery or the committee of Education.

13. *Examining Committees.*

The committee appointed to divide the Presbytery into four examining committees reported, which report was accepted, and adopted, and is as follows:

The committee for dividing the members of Presbytery into four committees, for conducting the examination of candidates report as follows, viz:

First Committee, to examine on English, Latin, Greek and Hebrew Languages, on Rhetoric, Logic, Moral Philosophy, and Modern Geography, Dr McPheeters, Messrs Goodrich, Weller, Lacy, Bird and Wilson.

Second Committee, to examine on Mathematics, Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, Messrs Mitchell, Harding, Caruthers, Phillips, Mantgomery, Hall and Gray.

Third Committee, to examine on Jewish Antiquities, Ancient Geography, Chronology, Church History, and Church Government, Messrs McElroy, W. Paisley, Sam'l Paisley, Shaw, Graves, and Terrell.

Fourth Committee, to examine on Didactic, Polemic and Pastoral Theology, Messrs Currie, Graham, Rankin, Lynch, Watts, and Pickard.

14. *Hughes, Paisley and Ely.*

Messrs Hughes and Paisley were examined by the committee, appointed by Presbytery for that purpose, on the following studies, of their literary course, viz. the Latin and Greek languages, English Grammar, Mathematics, Modern Geography, and Natural Philosophy, which examinations being reported were sustained as satisfactory parts of trial.

Mr Ely was examined on Theology, natural and

revealed, and on Ecclesiastical History, the Sacraments, and Church Government, which examinations were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr Ely read a Latin Exegesis, and critical Exercise on the subject assigned him by his former Presbytery, which were sustained as parts of trial.

15. *Orange Presbytery Female Scholarship.*

A report on the Orange Presbytery Female Scholarship was laid before Presbytery, by the former Treasurer, Dr McPheeters, was accepted and referred to a committee consisting of Dr Graham, Rev. Messrs Wilson and Watts to report as soon as convenient,

The committee on the Orange Presbytery Female Scholarship, reported the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.

Resolved, That Dr McPheeters be requested to continue his attention to the funds of the Orange Presbytery Female Scholarship, until it shall amount, including principal and interest, to twenty-five hundred dollars, and that he then report the matter to Presbytery.

16. *Chavis.*

The case of Mr Chavis was brought before Presbytery, and subscriptions for his support taken up.

17. *Caldwell Institute.*

The committee appointed to report on the Caldwell Institute made a report, which was accepted, approved and ordered to be filed.

The report of the committee on the Caldwell Institute, was on motion, reconsidered, and the 3d section of the 5th article was so amended as to read thus: "That all acts of vice and immorality among

the students is strictly forbidden, under such penalties as the faculty may deem proper.

Dr McPheeters was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Caldwell Institute, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Mr Osborne.

The term of service of Dr Graham and Rev. Mr Caruthers and Messrs Dusenburg and Gibson, Trustees of the Caldwell Institute having expired, the following gentlemen were elected by ballot to serve as Trustees of said Institute, for the term of three years, viz: Dr Graham, Rev. E. W. Caruthers, and Messrs F. Nash, and J. L. Leaseur.

18. *Dr. Caldwell.*

Dr McPheeters, who had been appointed to deliver a discourse during the present sessions of Presbytery commemorative of the late Rev. Dr Caldwell, stated reasons to Presbytery, why it was impracticable for him to perform, at this time, the duty assigned him, Therefore, *Resolved*, That said discourse be delivered during the next stated sessions of Presbytery.

19. *Fast.*

Resolved, That the first Monday of January be recommended to be observed by the churches under the care of Presbytery, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, to Almighty God for his blessing on the institution at Greensborough.

20. *Meetings of Presbytery.*

Resolved, That Presbytery adjourn to meet at Salisbury, at the call of the Moderator, during the approaching sessions of Synod.

The next stated meeting of Presbytery was ap-

pointed to be held in Washington on the Thursday night before the first Sabbath in April, 1836.

21. *Tribute of respect to Dr Caldwell.*

Whereas it has pleased the Great Head of the Church to remove from among us our dearly beloved brother and fellow-laborer, the Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D.D., late president of the University of North Carolina, on the 27th of Jan'y 1835—

Therefore, *Resolved*, *unanimously*, That while we bow with entire submission and humble resignation, as becometh christians, to the will of our Heavenly Father and our God, we feel deeply sensible of the loss we have sustained in the decease of our venerated and beloved brother, Joseph Caldwell.

2. *Resolved*, That we feel it to be a melancholy duty and privilege to mingle our sympathies with those of the church generally, and with that portion of it especially, which this bereavement touches most nearly in its most precious interests.

3. *Resolved*, That we do render our unfeigned thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for giving us such a man and for sparing him to labor so long with and for us, in the edification of the church, which he has purchased with his own blood.

22. *Candidates and Licentiates.*

The following persons are at this time Candidates under the care of this Presbytery, viz.

1st.	Messrs W. N. Mebane,	at Princeton	Theo. Sem.
2d.	J. Paisley,	do.	do.
3d.	A. E. Thom.	Union	do.
4th.	F. Nash,	do.	do.
5th.	J. T. Ely,	do.	do.
6th.	L. Murray,	do.	do.
7th.	A. G. Hughes,		

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Licentiates.--D. G. Doak, N. B. Patterson, Chavis, (a man of color.)

23. *Standing Committees.*

Education.—The following ministers and elde were appointed the standing committee of Educ tion, viz: Dr Graham, Rev. Messrs Harding ar Rankin, and Messrs N. C. Read, S. V. Watkin and Thos. B. Littlejohn.

Missions.—A committee of Missions was appoin ed consisting of Rev. Messrs Paisley, E. W. Carutl ers, Thos. Lynch, A. Wilson, and Messrs Christoph Moring, Jos. A.McLean, and Silas C. Lindsley.

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MINUTES OF THE 132d SESSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Danville, April 20th, 1836.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the moderator, Rev. Thos. Lynch, from Num. xvi. 9. Constituted with prayer. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 A. M.

Thursday, April 21.

Presbytery met, and was opened with prayer.

Present—*Ministers.*—Wm. Paisley, E. B. Currie, John Pickard, Eli W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, Thomas Lynch, George Ferrel, Wm. C. McElroy, James D. Hall, Daniel G. Doak, Samuel Paisley, 3d day. *Elders.*—Silas C. Lindsley, James Mebane, Z. Neal, Thomas P. Atkinson, M. D., M. Brown, Robert Ross, William Wood, W. M. Lewis, John Norwood, James Currie, John Lasure, 3d day.

Absent.—Rev. E. Graves, E. Mitchell, H. P. Goodrich, T. Bird, James Phillips, and Philip Pierson.

1. *New Members.*

The Rev. N. H. Harding and Alexander Wilson were received as members of this Presbytery on certificate from the Presbytery of Roanoke; and the Rev. Robert Burwell was in like manner received, on a certificate from the Presbytery of East Hanover.

2. *Moderator and Clerks.*

The Rev. E. W. Caruthers was chosen Moderator,

and Rev. A. D. Montgomery and Thos. P. Atkinson, M. D., temporary Clerks.

3. *Stated Clerk and Treasurer.*

Rev. N. H. Harding was appointed Stated Clerk, and Rev. Wm. C. McElroy, Treasurer.

4. *Committees.*

Committees were appointed to examine the records of church sessions and to examine candidates.

5. *Corresponding Members.*

The Rev. Dr McPheeters, of the Presbytery of Roanoke, the Rev. Stephen Taylor, of East Hanover Presbytery, and the Rev. M. W. Jackson, of the Presbytery of West Hanover, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

6. *John Chavis.*

The Rev. Robert Burwell was appointed the agent of this Presbytery to supply the wants of John Chavis, a superannuated licentiate.

7. *Call and Installation.*

A call from the church at Hillsborough, for the pastoral services of the Rev. Robert Burwell, was presented, read and put into his hands, and he having signified his acceptance of the same, it was ordered, that he be installed pastor of the church in Hillsborough, on the Saturday before the third Sabbath in May; that the Rev. Wm. C. McElroy preside, preach the sermon and give the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. Jas. Phillips give the charge to the people; the Rev. A. Wilson was appointed alternate to Mr McElroy, and Mr Doak to Mr Phillips.

8. *Late Treasurer.*

Mr James Mebane, from the auditing committee, reported—that they had examined the accounts of the late treasurer, and find them correctly kept and supported by proper vouchers. The report was accepted.

9. *Division of the Funds.*

Dr McPheeters, from the committee appointed to divide the funds, which were in the treasury, at the time of the division of Presbytery, reported, that they had divided said funds equally between the presbyteries of Orange and Roanoke. The report was accepted and adopted.

10. *Dismissions.*

The Rev. Samuel Paisley was, at his own request, dismissed to join the Presbytery of Concord.

11. *Caldwell Institute.*

A written communication was received from the Presbytery of Roanoke relating to the Caldwell Institute, which was ordered to be filed.

The following communication was received from the Trustees of the Caldwell Institute, viz:

To the Moderator of the Presbytery of Orange:

Rev. and dear Sir,—Believing that no seminary of learning can be permanently or extensively useful in advancing the interests of the church of Christ, unless it be built up in reliance on the grace of God, and in answer to the prayers of his people;

The Trustees of the Caldwell Institute ask an interest in the prayers of the Presbytery of Orange now in session; whereupon it was unanimously

Resolved, That this Presbytery, will, on next Sat-

urday evening, unite in fervent supplications to Almighty God, that he would be pleased to crown with abundant success, the efforts of the Trustees of the said Institute, and that the Rev. N. H. Harding be requested to lead the devotions of the meeting.

12. *Commissioners' Funds.*

Thomas P. Atkinson, M. D. from the committee appointed to apportion the commissioners' fund among the churches, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz: That Eno Church pay $5 00; Leaksville 3 00; Milton 8 00; Danville 8 00; Fairfield 3 00; Chapel Hill 5 00; Red House 8 00; Hawfields 6 00; Hillsborough 10 00; Greensborough 6 00; Allamance 6 00; Buffalo 6 00; Cross Roads 6 00; Little River 5 00; Stoney Creek 3 00; Bethesda 5 00; Bethel 5 00; Harmony 5 00; Bethany 5 00; Greers 4 00; New Hope 2 00; Carmel 2 00; Speedwell 2 00; Green Grove 2 00; Bethlehem 2 00; Lexington 5 00.

13. *Candidates.*

Mr Harding, from the committee appointed to examine Messrs Thom and Ely on their literary course, reported in favor of sustaining their examinations as parts of trial—The report was accepted and adopted; —Is. vii. 13—15 inclusive, was assigned to Wm. N. Mebane for a critical exercise;—Titus iii. 3—7, for a lecture, and Acts iii. 16, for a popular sermon.

14. *Licensure.*

Messrs Ely and Thom having been examined on all the subjects presented by the confession of faith, and their examinations having been sustained, they were licensed to preach the gospel as probationers for the ministry, according to the form appointed in the Book of Discipline.

15. *Supplies.*

Mr Wilson, from the committee of supplies, made the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz:

That in view of the moral desolations within our bounds, the members of this Presbytery are recommended to spend, at least, two weeks in missionary labors—each one selecting his own field, and that at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, they render an account of their labor.

16. *The General Assembly.*

Whereas this Presbytery regards the institution of slavery as one falling exclusively under the jurisdiction of the civil authority, and in no case cognizable by an ecclesiastical tribunal; therefore

Resolved, That we will hold any action on the slave question by the General Assembly, as an unwise interference with a matter, the control of which pertains to the respective states, by whose laws it is recognized,—and whose citizens are the only proper judges of their own concerns.

17. *Benevolent Institutions.*

Whereas it is desirable that all our people be more engaged in the cause of christian benevolence; therefore

Resolved, That at each stated session of Presbytery public meetings be held, on the plan of the anniversaries of our large cities in favor of our benevolent institutions, at which addresses shall be made by persons previously appointed. Messrs Harding and Montgomery were appointed to make addresses, at the next meeting of Presbytery, in behalf of Foreign and Domestic Missions, and Messrs Doak and Bur-

well in favor of the plan for circulating the bound volumes of the Am. Tract Society.

18. *Name of a Church changed.*

Resolved, That the church heretofore known by the name of Haw River, be hereafter known by the name of Green Grove.

19. *Commissioners to General Assembly.*

The Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, bishop, and the Hon. F. Nash, presbyter, were appointed commissioners to the next General Assembly; the Rev. H. P. Goodrich, bishop, and W. M. Lewis, presbyter, their alternates.

20. *Next Meeting.*

Resolved, That the next meeting of Presbytery be held at Greensborough, to commence on the 6th day of Oct. 1836, at 12 A. M.

21. *Sessional Records.*

The several committees on sessional records reported, and their reports were accepted and adopted.

22. *Report to the General Assembly.*

The stated clerk read a report which he had prepared for the General Assembly, which was accepted, adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the clerk of the General Assembly. The following is an extract:

The Presbytery of Orange contains 19 ministers, 27 churches, 3 Licentiates, 13 Candidates. The returns were so imperfect, that the number of communicants is not known; only 96 additions were reported; of these, 49 were from Little River church, where God has blessed the untiring labors of a young brother; of the ministers, only 6 are pastors;—of the

churches, not more than two have preaching every sabbath; collections for missions, $480 69; for education, $328 40; for U. T. Sem'y, $250.

23. *State of Religion.*

(The Report on the State of Religion was not found among the papers, transmitted to the stated clerk; of course no extracts can be published.)

24. *Standing Committees.*

Of Missions.	Of Education.
Ministers.	*Ministers.*
Rev. William Paisley,	Rev. N. H. Harding,
" E. W. Caruthers,	" W. C. M'Elroy,
" Thomas Lynch,	" A. D. Montgomery.
" Alex. Wilson.	
Elders.	*Elders.*
C. Moring,	W. M. Lewis,
J. A. M'Lean,	M. P. Huntington,
S. C. Lindsley.	Thos. P. Atkinson.

Stated Clerk, N. H. Harding, *Milton, N. C.*
Treasurer, W. C. M'Elroy, *Danville, Va.*

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MINUTES OF THE 133d SESSION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Greensboro', Oct. 6, 1836.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. N. H. Harding, (at the request of the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Caruthers) from Zech. 4: 6. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

Constituted with prayer.

Present—Rev'ds Wm. Paisley, E. B. Currie, John H. Pickard, Eli W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, Thomas Lynch, N. H. Harding, Alex'r Wilson, Robert Burwell, George W. Ferrell, Wm. C. M'Elroy, James B. Hall, and Daniel G. Doak—*Ministers:*—With Rob't Dormell, Samuel Edmonson, Joseph Barlow, Silas C. Lindsey, John Lesueur,and Robert Barr, *Ruling Elders.*

Absent—Rev. Elijah Graves, Elisha Mitchell, H. P. Goodrich, T. Bird, Philip Pierson, and James Philips.

Rev. Wm. C. M'Elroy was chosen Moderator. Rev. Rob't Burwell, and Mr John Lesueur, Temporary Clerks. Minutes of last meeting were read.

Committees.

On benevolent institutions—N. H. Harding and

E. W. Caruthers.—Minutes of last General Assembly—Wilson and Lesueur.

Supplies—Montgomery and Edmonson.

Rev. Philip Pierson appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat.

The pastoral relation between the Rev. George W. Ferrell and the New Hope church, was dissolved, by the consent of both parties.

Wm. Paisley, E. W. Caruthers, and George Ferrell, ministers; and Joseph A. M'Lean, Wm. H. Cummings, and Silas C. Lindsey, Ruling Elders, were appointed a standing Committee of Education.

N. H. Harding, A. D. Montgomery, and Wm. C. M'Elroy, ministers; Thomas Atkinson, W. M. Lewis and M. P. Huntington, Ruling Elders, were appointed a standing Committee of Missions.

Rev. Wm. C. M'Elroy tendered his resignation as treasurer of Presbytery—which was accepted; and the Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, was appointed treasurer in his place.

The Rev. Philip Pierson was, at his own request, dismissed, to join the Presbytery of Harmony, S. C. to which body he was affectionately recommended as a minister in good and regular standing.

Mr John C. Rankin, a member of the Leaksville church, was examined on his knowledge and experience of vital piety, which being approved, he was received under the care of the Presbytery, as a candidate for the gospel ministry.

Rev. James D. Hall obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

Rev. T. Bird appeared, and took his seat in Presbytery.

The treasurer's report was received and referred to the auditing committee.

Abram Walker, an Elder from the High Rock Church, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

The Commissioners to the last General Assembly reported, and their reports were approved.

E. W. Caruthers, A. Wilson, and N. H. Harding, Ministers; and J. Lesueur, and S. C. Lindsey, Elders; were appointed a committee on the Beneficiary system—to report during the present session. Adjourned till to-morrow, 9 A. M.

Closed with prayer.

Friday, 7th Oct. 1836.

Presbytery met according to adjournment.

Opened with prayer.

A. E. Thom, a licentiate, was, at his own request, dismissed, to put himself under the care of West Hanover Presbytery.

Rev. Bob't Burwell, from the auditing committee, reported that they had examined the accounts of the late treasurer and found them correctly kept and accompanied by the proper vouchers.

A part of the forenoon was spent in exercises of devotion.

On motion of Rev. N. H. Harding,

Resolved, That it be recommended to our churches to use the book of Psalms and Hymns, published by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Wm. A. Shaw, of the Presbytery of Roanoke, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The following question was adopted for conference at the next stated meeting of Presbytery, viz:

What course of conduct between ministers is best calculated to secure the unity, peace, purity and harmony of the church?

A. Wilson, T. Byrd, N. H. Harding, and S. C. Lindsey, were appointed a committee to examine candidates for the ministry, on their literary and scientific course.

The Rev. Elijah Graves appeared and took his seat.

A. Wilson, from the Committee on the minutes of the last General Assembly reported. The report was accepted. On the question of extending the term of theological study, the Presbytery adopted the following resolution, viz:

It is the decided opinion of this Presbytery, that the term of theological study preparatory to licensure ought to be extended from two to three years.

Resolved, That the churches under our care be, and hereby are, affectionately requested to observe the first Monday of January, 1837, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer, for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon the world—that pure and un-

defiled religion may be revived, and the earth filled with the glory of God.

Resolved, That the ministers belonging to this Presbytery, are hereby requested to preach at least one sermon on the observance of the Sabbath to their several congregations, before the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Rev. A. Wilson, from the committee on the Beneficiary system made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That the whole subject be deferred till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

The committee of supplies made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

That each minister spend as much time as possible in the destitute places within our bounds.

Presbytery having resolved to ordain Mr Nathaniel B. Patterson (a licentiate under their care) as an Evangelist--he was directed to prepare a trial sermon from Prov. 8: 17. The Rev. Thos. Lynch was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, and the Rev. J. H. Pickard to preside and give the charge. It was further resolved, that Presbytery meet for this purpose at Sandy Ridge, in Stokes county, on Friday before the first Sabbath in November next. The Rev. T. Bird was appointed alternate to Mr Lynch, and E. W. Caruthers to Mr Pickard.

Mr F. Nash, Jr. an Elder from the church in Hillsboro', appeared in presbytery and took his seat.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held in Hillsboro', on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in April, 1837, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by the Rev. A. D. Montgomery, was adopted, viz:

Whereas, Ruling Elders constitute an important part of the judicatories of our church; and whereas, the peace and prosperity of the church depends much on their aid; therefore,

Resolved, that the church sessions be, and hereby are, directed, to take such order on the subject, as shall, in future, secure the attendance of Elders at the stated meetings of Presbytery and Synod.

Mr Montgomery also offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted, viz:

Whereas, it is highly important that the doctrines of the Presbyterian church should be fully taught, and clearly understood, and our plans for promoting the Redeemer's kingdom be seen and felt by all; therefore,

Resolved, That a sermon be preached, at each stated meeting of Presbytery, by some brother previously appointed, and that the subject be assigned him by Presbytery.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 A. M. Closed with prayer.

Saturday, October 8th.

Presbytery met. Opened with prayer.

Robert Foster, an Elder from the Lexington church,

appeared and took his seat in Presbytery.

Rev. A Wilson, from the examining committee, reported that they had examined Mr John C. Rankin on the Latin and Greek languages, Mathematics, Geography, Rhetoric, and Philosophy; and Mr T. Nash, jun'r on Geography, Rhetoric and Philosophy. The report was accepted, and the examination sustained as parts of trial.

The Education Committee reported, that they have had under their care, since the last stated meeting of Presbytery, eight young men, all of whom have received more or less aid from the funds.

The following subjects were assigned to Mr Lemuel Murry, a candidate under the care of this Presbytery, as parts of trial, viz:—The meaning of "*Son of Man*," as applied to Christ, for a critical exercise. Rom. 10: 4, for a sermon. Psalm first, for a lecture.

Resolved, That the missionaries under the direction of the committee of missions, be required to report to said committee, before the first of April in each year.

The Rev. Wm. Paisley, minister; and James Mebane, Elder; were elected trustees of the Caldwell Institute.

The Rev. Eli W. Caruthers was appointed to preach the sermon before Presbytery at the next stated meeting at Hillsboro'. Subject—"The sovereignty of God in the salvation of men."

Adjourned, to meet at Sandy Ridge, Stokes coun-

ty, on the Friday before the first Sabbath in November next.

Concluded with prayer.

THE CALDWELL INSTITUTE, founded by this Presbytery, and under its care, is in a very flourishing condition. The general conduct of the students is above all praise. The Rev. A. Wilson, the senior professor, declared before Presbytery, that during the session just closed, he had not discovered in any student so much as an improper look. The proficiency of the students in their several studies is such as to give the most perfect satisfaction to their friends and to the Presbytery—while the strong attachment which subsists between the students and the professors, is ample proof that the school is conducted on the principles of parental and christian kindness.

Professor Wilson, assisted by S. C. Lindsey, A. M. fills the department of ancient languages, and Professor Gretter that of mathematics. There is also an English department, provided with a competent teacher.

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MINUTES OF THE 134th SESSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.

Held at Hillsboro', April, 1837.

HILLSBORO', April 19th, 1837.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. Wm. C. McElroy, from Psalm 46: 5. Constituted with prayer.

Ministers:—Rev. William Paisley, E. B Currie, J. H. Pickard, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, Thos. Lynch, N. H. Harding, Alex. Wilson, Robert Burwell, G. W. Ferrell, Wm. C. McElroy, T. Bird, James Phillips, D. G. Doak, S. E. Graves, 2d day.—*Elders:*—John Scott, Jos. Smith, William Rankin, John Jones, John Freeland, J. W. Norwood, W. M. Lewis, A. Walker, and John Wilkinson.

Absent:—Rev. E. Mitchell, H. P. Goodrich, J. D. Hall, and N. B. Patterson.

Moderator and Clerks.

Rev. James Phillips was chosen Moderator, and Messrs Bird and Wilson, temporary Clerks.

New Member.

Rev. John A. Gretter was received on certificate from East Hanover Presbytery.

New Congregation.

The congregation of Sandy Ridge, was, at the

request of the church members, taken under the care of Presbytery.

Name of a Church changed.

The church, heretofore known by the name of Leaksville, was, at the request of the pastor, called Spring Garden, and by that name is to be known hereafter.

Committees Appointed.

1. On Session Books: On the books of Hawfields, Red House, Eno and Little River, Messrs Paisley, Pickard, Caruthers, and Scott.—On the books of Buffalo, Allemance, Bethany and Speedwell, Messrs Montgomery, Lynch, Burwell and Smith.—On the books of Gum Grove, Bethesda, Stoney Creek, Bethlehem, Cross Roads and New Hope, Messrs Ferrell, McElroy, Doak and Rankin.—On the books of Bethel, Chapel Hill, Hillsboro', Greensboro', Harmony, Milton and Danville, Messrs Gretter, Jones, Freeland and Norwood.—On the books of Lexington, Carmel, Greers, Spring Garden, High Rock, and Fairfield, Wilson, Lewis and Walker.
2. Supplies. Messrs Burwell and Caruthers.

To Examine Candidates.

Messrs Harding, Gretter and Lindsley.

Preaching on the Observance of the Sabbath.

On the roll being called, it was found that the order of the last Presbytery, requiring each minister to

preach, at least once, on this subject before the spring meeting, had been complied with.

Standing Rules.

The following standing rules respecting the mode of electing the moderator and commissioners to the General Assembly, were adopted.

1. In electing a moderator, the persons to be voted for, shall be nominated, and no person shall be voted for unless he is nominated before the clerk begins to call the roll.

2. The commissioners to the General Assembly must be nominated, at least, one day before the election takes place.

Standing Rules respecting Candidates.

1. No candidate can receive aid from our education committee unless he first put himself under the care of the Presbytery.

2. All candidates under the care of this Presbytery, are required to be present, at least, during one of the stated semi-annual meetings of Presbytery.

New Candidates.

Mr William C. Sutton, a member of the Buffalo church, Mr Benj. M. Hobson and Mr Edward Hines, members of the Milton church, were introduced to Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. They were severally examined on their knowledge and experience of the christian religion; and on the motives which influenced them to seek the sacred office.

The examinations were sustained, and they were taken under the care of Presbytery.

Nomination of Commissioners.

Messrs Harding, Goodrich, Caruthers and Burwell, ministers, and Messrs Lewis, Nash, J. Mebane, and Dr Thos. Atkinson, elders, were nominated as commissioners to the General Assembly.

Church of Eno.

The session of the Eno church, having requested the advice and aid of Presbytery,—the following persons were appointed a committee to meet at Eno on the 24th of May, to hear and decide upon all cases which may be brought before them by the said sessions, viz:

Rev. Robert Burwell, of Hillsboro; William Gattis and James Mebane, of Cross Roads; J. L. Woods and Joseph Barlow, of Little River; and J. M. Dade, of Eno, elders.

Report of the Committee of Education.

The standing Committee of Education reported, that since the last report they have had under their care, six candidates; three of whom have declined receiving further aid, and are endeavoring to support and educate themselves.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer presented his accounts, which, being referred to the auditing committee, they reported

that the same were correctly kept and accompanied with the proper vouchers.

Dismission.

The Rev. J. D. Hall was dismissed, at his own request, and affectionately recommended to the Presbytery of Concord.

John Chavis.

The committee on the case of John Chavis, a superannuated licentiate of this Presbytery, reported that it is inexpedient to change the present plan for his support, and that the usual collection had been made for that purpose. Messrs Burwell and Norwood were appointed a committee to superintend this business.

Clerk of Synod.

The committee, to whom was referred the letter from the Clerk of Synod, reported in favor of granting his request. This report was laid on the table.

Commissioners to the Assembly.

The roll being called, it was found that of the ministers nominated, the Rev. N. H. Harding was chosen as principal, and the Rev. E. W. Caruthers, alternate. Of the elders, Mr W. M. Lewis, principal, and Dr Thos. Atkinson, alternate.

Conversation on the State of Religion.

Presbytery held a free conversation on the state of religion in the congregations under our care—from which it appeared that though there had been some

additions to the old churches, and one new church had been gathered—there had been no general revival of religion in any of our churches. That while the deportment of professors of religion is for the most part orderly and moral, and the means of grace are not neglected--still it is manifest that the gospel, as the power of God, is but little felt —That while there is much which calls for our thanksgiving and praise, there are things which call loudly for humiliation, prayer and an entire consecration of ministers and people to the cause of Christ.

Caldwell Institute.

The trustees of this institution were advised to accept the charter granted by the Legislature of N. Carolina.

Convention.

The commissioners to the General Assembly were directed to attend the convention to be held in Philadelphia on the 11th of May next.

Reciprocal Duties.

Inquiry was made of ministers and elders, whether they had discharged their reciprocal duties--according to standing rule, page 96.

Supplies.

The committee of supplies made the following report, which was adopted, viz: That Messrs Phillip and Burwell supply Eno and New Hope; that Messrs Harding, Lynch, Caruthers and Paisley, preach one

sabbath each on Dan river; and Mr Montgomery one sabbath at Little River.

Conference.

The Presbytery held a conference on the following subject: "What course of conduct among ministers, is best calculated to secure the unity, peace, purity and harmony of the church.

The following question was chosen for the subject of the next conference, viz: "What is the best means of promoting the piety of our ministers and people?"

Next Meeting.

It was resolved that the next stated meeting be held at the Cross Roads church, Orange county, on Thursday before the fourth sabbath in August next, at 12 o'clock.

Candidates and Licensure.

Mr W. C. Sutton was examined, in part, on English Grammar, Arithmetic, Algebra, to quadrities, Geography, the Latin and Greek languages; his examinations were sustained as parts of trial. Mr L. Murry was examined on the Latin and Greek languages, on Natural and Christian Theology, and Church History; his examinations were sustained as parts of trial. Mr Murry and Mr Sutton were directed to prepare for examination on Greek Grammar, the first five chapters of the Epistle to the Romans in Greek, and the sixth book of the Eneid of Virgil. "Revelatio divina fuerit necessaria ad salutem lapsi hominis," was assigned to Mr Sutton as the subject of a Latin Exegesis. Mr Benj. M. Hobson and Mr

Edward Hines were directed to prepare, each, an essay on some subject of christian morals, to be read before Presbytery, at the next stated meeting. Mr Murry read a Latin Exegesis, which was sustained. Mr Nash read a critical exercise, a lecture and a sermon. He was examined on natural and revealed theology and ecclesiastical history, all of which were sustained as parts of trial—after which, he was, in the public congregation, licensed to preach the gospel of Christ as a probationer for the holy ministry.

Adjournment.

Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at the Cross Roads, Orange co., on the 24th of August next at 12 meridian.

Concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

Standing Committees.

1. Of Education:

Wm. Paisley, E. W. Caruthers, George Ferrell, *Ministers.*—Joseph A. McLean, Wm. H. Cummings, and Silas C. Lindsley, *Elders.*

2. Of Missions:

N. H. Harding, A. D. Montgomery, W. C. McElroy, *Ministers.*—Dr Thos. Atkinson, W. M. Lewis, and M. P. Huntington, *Elders.*

Stated Clerk, N. H. Harding, Milton.

Treasurer, Eli W. Caruthers, Greensboro'.

The Presbytery consists of 19 ministers—they have under their care 28 churches, 2 licentiates, and 11 candidates. Of the ministers, 4 only are pastors. Communicants about 1800. Collected, since April

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N. H. HARDING, *Stated Clk.*

STANDING RULES OF PRESBYTERY.

1. Rules appended to the book of Discipline, entitled "General rules for Judicatories" govern the Presbytery.—M. S. Minutes, vol. 2, p. 91.

2. The poor of the church not to be thrown on public charity.—Ibid. p. 38.

3. Church members absent more than two years, to be reported as removed. Ib. p. 126.

4. Duty of Commissioners to the General Assembly.

(1.) To attend diligently during the whole session: One dollar per day forfeited, if absent, unless Presbytery excuse the absence.

(2.) To report in writing. Ibid. p. 138.

5. Part of the forenoon of the second day of each stated meeting to be spent in devotional exercises. Ibid. 141.

6. Ministers give their reasons for absence from meeting of Presbytery, but no vote taken, unless specially called for. Ibid 157. Printed min. 7.

7. Absent members are required to pay their quotas to the contingent fund. Printed minutes, p. 85.

8. *Reciprocal Duties.* All churches having pastors or stated supplies are required to report annually to Presbytery respecting the fulfilment of their reciprocal duties. Printed min. p 96.

9. Committee of Education to report annually

to the Board of Education of the General Assembly before the first day of May.

10. *Catechism.* The church sessions are required to attend strictly to the catechising of the children and youth of the church, and to append a written report on this subject to their annual sessional report. Printed min. 114.

11. *In Electing Moderator*, the persons to be voted for, must first be nominated before the Clerk begins to call the roll. Printed min. p. 3.

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13. Candidates, to be examined by a committee, at the stated meeting, on experimental religion. Ibid. p. 70.

14. No. Candidate can receive aid from the Education committee unless he first put himself under the care of Presbytery. Printed min. p. 3.

15. All candidates under the care of Presbytery are required to be present at one of the semi-annual meetings. Printed min. p. 4.

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MINUTES

Of the 135th Session of the Presbytery of Orange, held at the Cross Roads, August, 1837.

Cross Roads, Aug. 24, 1837.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with a Sermon, by the Rev. James Phillips, the last Moderator, from Psalm cxxxii. Constituted with prayer.

Present, Rev. Messrs. Wm. Paisley, E. B. Currie, I. N. Pickard, Elijah Graves, E. W. Caruthers, A. D. Montgomery, Thomas Lynch, H. P. Goodrich, N. H. Harding, Alexander Wilson, Robert Burwell, George Ferrell, Thompson Bird, James Phillips, John A. Gretter, Daniel G. Doak, and N. B. Patterson, *ministers;* with Samuel Kirkpatrick, J. W. Clark, I. L. Wood, Robert Donald, A. McCauly, James Currie, Wm. Morrow, I. R. Faucett, O. Long, Wm. Baird, N. M. Lewis, H. R. Dusenbury, Thomas P. Atkinson, Alexander Hardie, Wm. Currie, A. Walker, R. D. Lindsay, Richard I. Smith; 2d day, E. Wharton, and A. Scales, *elders.*

Absent, Rev. Elisha Mitchell.

Rev. E. W. Caruthers was chosen Moderator, and Robert Burwell and John A. Gretter, temporary Clerks.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting were read.

Rev. David Thom, from the Presbytery of Shiloh, being present, was invited to take his seat as a corresponding member.

Committees appointed.

On the Minutes of the General Assembly—Messrs. Harding, Phillips, and Long.

On the death of brother McElroy—Messrs. Montgomery and Gretter.

On Supplies—Messrs. Lynch and Atkinson.

On Examination of Candidates—Messrs. Phillips, Wilson, Atkinson, and James Currie.

Standing Rule respecting Committees.

Resolved, That it be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that all Committees, hereafter appointed, consist of an equal number of ministers and elders.

John Chavis.

The Presbytery did solemnly promise to pay to the said J. Chavis, $50, annually, during his natural life. This sum was assessed on the churches in the following proportions, viz: Bethlehem Gum Grove, Speedwell, Carmel, New Hope, Stoney Creek, Fairfield and Spring Garden, High Rock, Sandy Ridge, Griers, and Bethany, seventy-five cents each, semi-annually; Lexington, Bethesda, Harmony, Bethel, Little River, Chapel Hill, and Eno., one dollar, each; Cross Roads, Buffalo, Allamance, Greensboro', and Hawfields, $1 25, each; Red House, Danville, and Milton, $1 75, each; and Hillsborough the sum of $2. These several sums are to be paid by each of the churches *semi-annually.*

On motion of Dr. T. P. Atkinson, the Stated Clerk was directed to report the action of the Presbytery on this subject, to the several sessions; and finally the sessions were, and hereby are, required to be punctual in sending up, at each stated meeting of Presbytery, their respective proportions of the sum pledged, for the support of this aged laborer in the Lord's vineyard.

Ordination, Licensure, &c.

Mr. Jonathan Trumbull Ely, a licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, having made appli-

cation for ordination, his application was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Burwell, Baird, and Clark, who reported in favor of granting Mr. Ely's request. This report was adopted; and it was

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The Treasurer collected 50 cents from each member of Presbytery, for the contingent fund, and the same sum, for the Stated Clerk of Synod.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9, A. M. Concluded with prayer.

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Acts of the Assembly.

N. H. Harding, from the committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported the following resolution, viz:

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2. Because the tendency of the said plan is to deprive the church of ruling elders, and thus to destroy one of the most important and distinguishing features of our church.

3. Because of the manifest injustice and injury inflicted on our church, by permitting men to sit and vote in our judicatories, who have never adopted our standards, and to make and administer laws, by which they themselves refuse to be governed.

The adoption of this resolution was advocated by Messrs. Harding, Caruthers, Wilson and others, and opposed by Mr. Goodrich. The question on adoption was decided by yeas and nays, as follows, viz:—

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Against the above decision of Presbytery Messrs. Goodrich and Bird, *ministers,* Dusenbury, Walker and Scales, *elders*, entered their solemn protest. This protest was received by Presbytery, and committed to Messrs. Harding and Atkinson, to be answered. The answer prepared by them was read, adopted, and the protest and answer were ordered to be spread on the recorded minutes.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer made his report. The auditing committee, Messrs. Burwell and Gretter, to whom it was referred, reported that they found the accounts correctly kept and accompanied with the proper vouchers.

Death of brother McElroy.

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Adjourned till to-morrow, 9, A. M.

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Next Stated Meeting.

Resolved, That the next stated meeting of Presbytery be held in Milton, on Wednesday, before the third Sabbath in April, 1838, at 7 P. M.

Pastoral Letter of the General Assembly.

The Presbytery did recommend to the careful attention of the churches under their care, the pastoral letter of the last General Assembly, and the ministers were directed to read the same to their respective churches.

Presbyterian Tracts.

The Presbytery did unanimously recommend to the churches under their care, the series of tracts, published by the Presbyterian Tract Society, as containing an able exposition of the peculiar doctrines and order of the Presbyterian Church.

Conference.

The conference on the question—"What is the best means of promoting the piety of our ministers and people," was postponed till the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Candidates and Examinations.

Mr. Murry was examined on literature and science: his examination was sustained as parts of trial. He also read a critical exercise and lecture, and exhibited a popular sermon, all of which were sustained as parts of trial.

Mr. Samuel Schoolfield was introduced to Presbytery, and after being examined on experimental religion, and his motives for desiring the gospel ministry, he was taken under the care of Presbytery, and directed to prepare for examination on church government. The first two Georgics of Virgil, and the first five chapters of the Acts of the Apostles in Greek.

Mr. Sutton was examined on the five first chap-

ters of the Epistle to the Romans in Greek, and on the sixth book of Ænied in Latin. These examinations were sustained, and he was directed to prepare for further examination on two Satires of Horace, and on Romans 6—11 chapters inclusive—and on church government.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That our candidates be examined, at an early stage of their preparatory course, on church government.

Licensure of Mr. Murry.

Mr. Lemuel Murry having passed through all his trials, they having been fully sustained by the Presbytery, he was licensed to preach the gospel as a probationer for the ministry.

The Standing Committee on Missions was directed to report to the next stated meeting of Presbytery on the best plan for supplying our destitute territory with the means of grace.

The Rev. John H. Pickard was appointed on this committee to supply the vacancy occasioned by the death of Br. McElroy.

Adjourned to meet at Synod at the call of the Moderator. Concluded with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

N. H. HARDING, *Stated Clerk.*

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